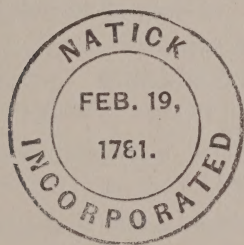






REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS  
WITH A  
STATEMENT  
OF THE  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NATICK



FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1897.

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NATICK, MASS.  
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1897.





## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1896-'97.

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### Town Clerk.

JAMES McMANUS.

### Town Treasurer.

EDWARD CLARK.

### Selectmen.

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   GEORGE N. COBB.

### Overseers of the Poor.

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**Superintendent of Streets.**

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**Auditor.**

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JAMES W. MORSE.

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JAMES W. MORSE, IRVING E. BROWN,  
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FRANK W. MANCHESTER, PATRICK BEATTY,  
JOSEPH H. HARRIS, JAMES H. BATES.

Chief of Police, JOSEPH M. BLANDIN (day officer at Centre.)  
Night Patrol, WILLIAM BEAN, PATRICK BEATTY (Centre.)  
JOHN J. OAKES (So. Natick,) JOHN COLEMAN (Felchville.)  
Additional day officer at Centre, ELIJAH PAGE.

**Public Weighers and Measurers.**

JOHN G. MANUEL, CHARLES H. JONES,  
WARREN A. BIRD.  
HOWARD GARFIELD, Assistant Weigher.

**Registrars of Voters.**

S. A. SWEETLAND, P. F. HALLINAN,  
WALTER B. ROBINSON. TOWN CLERK, ex-officio.

\*Resigned

**Sinking Fund Commissioners.**

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TIMOTHY F. SULLIVAN.

**Cattle Inspector.**

WALTER P. MAYO.

**Sealers of Weights and Measures.**

DANIEL J. BARNICLE.



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

### Births Registered in Natick for Year 1896.

#### JANUARY.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
2.	Lilah Maud Banks,	Stanly F. and Ella M.
4.	Teresa McCrath,	Dennis W. and Margaret.
9.	Michael Henry Burke,	William J. and Norah.
9.	Arthur Gorman Morse,	Howard W. and Bridget M.
14.	Leo Burns,	John J. and Bridget A.
17.	Josephine Casey,	James F. and Ellen.
17.	Willie Ormond,	Michael and Celia.
21.	John Martin,	John and Margaret.
27.	Louis Martineau,	Joseph and Celina.

#### FEBRUARY.

1.	Lizzie McEwan,	William A. and Catherine.
3.	Bartholomew J. Brennan,	Edward B. and Margaret.
4.	Joseph Petucci,	Peter and Mary.
5.	Florence Rebecca Curtin,	Jeremiah and Mary A.
6.	John Joseph Oakes,	John J. and Mary E.
9.	Marguerite Burke,	Edward H. and Annie.
13.	Ellen Abbie Yeager,	Lawrence F. and Bridget T.
13.	Grace McGee,	James and Julia R.
16.	John Edward Brennan,	Edward F. and Isabel C.
22.	George Robert Turner,	Robert and Elizabeth.
23.	Roger Twitchell,	Arthur and Carrie M.
27.	Malcolm Alfred Baird,	Edmund A. and Emma F.



## MARCH.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
3.	Edward Francis Barnicle,	Michael and Bridget.
4.	Esther Fair,	Joseph J. and Hannah.
9.	Mary Elizabeth McManus,	Edward L. and Elizabeth B.
11.	Myra Jessie Hull,	Roland C. and Marie F.
13.	Edna Frances Brady,	Edward and Margaret.
14.	Doris Holmes,	Stephen W. and Lulu.
28.	Bertha Elizabeth Augustine,	Max and Emma L.
30.	Jessie Edna Atkinson,	Harry and Nellie A.

## APRIL.

6.	Dupuis child,	Simeon and Valerie.
8.	William Wright Loker,	Albee E. and Elizabeth.
13.	James Joseph Reardon,	John and Julia.
15.	Wallace Boylston Rogers,	Wallace W. and Lorena.
16.	McCordick child,	Frank and Bridget.
17.	Marion Gertrude Hudson,	Clarence O. and Bertha.
25.	Agnes Monteith,	James R. and Bridget.
27.	Ruth Ellen Bjorklund,	August and Alfreda M. C.

## MAY.

3.	Celia Doherty,	Timothy J. and Nellie.
6.	Arthur Chew Gilligan,	James H. and Mary C.
11.	Rose Hoey,	Andrew J. and Ellen.
12.	Mary Naphin,	John H. and Julia.
13.	Alice Brannagan,	William H. and Julia.
19.	Eveline Maud Robinson,	George E. and Maud L.
22.	Smith child,	Edward C. and Mabel L.
31.	Raphael Dowd,	James F. and Catherine.

## JUNE.

4.	Blanche Ella Snow,	Arthur G. and Ella.
9.	Mildred Ada Gilmore,	Edwin M. and Elizabeth.
10.	Charles Albert Ames,	Timothy P. and Louisa A.
12.	Gladys Louise Grieve,	John H. and Maggie M.
14.	Alice Cronwall,	Andrew and Ellen.
16.	Francis Murphy,	Daniel J. and Ellen A.

## JUNE—continued.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
16.	Frederick Earle Williams,	Frederick J. and Harriet B.
17.	Mabel Hook,	William and Mary.
18.	James Stanly Hunter,	William and Mary.
26.	McCue child,	Patrick F. and Susan E.
28.	Harold Dowd,	Edward B. and Julia E.
28.	Lillie Frances Howard,	Charles N. and Elizabeth F.

## JULY.

2.	John Meagher,	Michael and Mary.
3.	Lorna Catherine Doon,	Aloysius J. and Mary A.
9.	Mary McGrath,	Richard and Mary.
11.	Francis Douglas Greenslade,	Marshall D. and Sarah F.
15.	McCracken child,	John and Susanna.
15.	Elwyn Moran,	James F. and Mary A.
17.	Marion Louise Allen,	Daniel D. and Nellie.
25.	Ellis child,	William L. and Clara.
26.	Edward William Burke,	Edward W. and Annie.
27.	Raymond Gannett Cooper,	James E. and Carrie W.
27.	Albert Rodney DeLord,	Charles A. and Clara E.
28.	Hazel Marie Penney,	Thomas and Julia.
28.	Alice Louise Schneider,	Charles and Alexandria.
29.	Thomas Hammond Daniels,	Leverett R. and Harriet J.
29.	Harold Whitecomb Martin,	George F. and Lizzie B.

## AUGUST.

2.	Andrew Joseph Wilson,	Andrew and Margaret.
4.	Christiana Young.	Thomas J. and Hannah F.
5.	Grace Powell,	Milton W. and Maud E.
6.	Michael James Morris,	Michael J. and Mary A.
8.	Harold Clifford,	John F. and Annette.
9.	Veronica White,	John H. and Margaret.
11.	Edward Skahill,	Edward and Catherine.
12.	Percy Mortimer Coombs,	Percy L. L. and Mary E.
14.	Mullen child,	Michael and Catherine.
15.	Daniel Nehemiah Moynihan,	Dennis P. and Margaret.
15.	Mary Elizabeth Moran,	Andrew and Maggie A.

AUGUST—*continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
18.	Francis Leo Mead,	John and Catherine J.
18.	Anna Cruise,	Richard and Mary.
21.	Walter Sheppard,	Thomas and Annie.
23.	Claire Morris,	Michael E. and Delia E.
23.	Sidney Marland Atkinson,	Frank and Mary L.
24.	Louise Cunniff,	Edward F. and Katie J.
26.	Thomas Leo Garvin,	Edward and Nellie.
27.	Charles Howard Smith,	Charles A. and Hattie A.
28.	Philip Sheridan Emory Taylor,	Edwin A. and Emeline M.
29.	Grace Harriette Wood,	Henry and Grace A.
30.	Irene Veronica Shea,	Roger and Catherine.

SEPTEMBER.

2.	Angelina Chimeno,	John J. and Catherine.
2.	Sweeney child,	Alexander and Catherine.
2.	Alice Doyle,	Patrick J. and Fanny.
3.	Ella Louise Hildreth,	William W. and Etta A.
7.	Jessie Sabina Buchanan,	Freeman M. and Elizabeth A.
10.	Elsie Geneva Spooner,	William H. and Alice M.
12.	Joseph Carlton McGlone,	Francis and Mary.
15.	Paul Gavin,	Frank P. and Mary E.
16.	Marguerite Brannagan,	Richard L. and Catherine.
19.	Irving Eugene Buell,	Eugene W. and Ellen L.
19.	John Duncan McKeil,	John D. and Leona E.
22.	Arthur Lewis Corson,	Frank I. and Ella.
22.	Walter McGlone,	Daniel and Catherine.
22.	Willard child,	Evander X. and Sarah H.
24.	Edith Story,	Alvin F. and Elizabeth F.
25.	John Regan,	John and Mary.
27.	Eva Beatrice McLaughlin,	Duncan and Ermina.
29.	Helen Murphy,	Patrick B. and Gertrude L.
30.	Timothy Murphy,	Thomas and Mary.

OCTOBER.

3.	William Lester Gramkow,	Ernest W. and Florence L.
4.	Donovan child,	Edward and Kate.

OCTOBER—*continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
7.	Alice Genevieve Green,	John H. and Bridget C.
7.	George A. Sellew,	Louis L. and Elizabeth M.
8.	Paul Burrows LeBaron,	Charles P. and Edna M.
9.	Albertine Mead Morrill,	Harry C. and Sylvia A.
12.	Esther Marjorie Hall,	Nathan E. and Lucy F.
13.	Louise Helen Coleman,	Patrick and Mary C.
14.	Mary Elizabeth Burke	James M. and Mary E.
14.	Marjorie Hicks,	Bedford O. and Florence G.
16.	Clarence Martin Augustine,	George and Margaret M.
17.	Caroline Louise Scheufele,	Joseph and Lena.
20.	Margaret Staples,	George H. and Grace I.
20.	Edward Francis Coveney,	Edward F. and Abigail G.
22.	Leon Leslie Lund,	Henry T. and Estella M.
22.	Grace Maud Cody,	Theodore and Catherine.
27.	Marguerite Ellen Whalen,	Thomas P. and Julia G.
31.	Gibbs child.	William L. and Harriet C.
31.	Eunice Baird Edes.	Frederick J. and Harriet W.

## NOVEMBER.

4.	Mary Houlihan,	Dennis W. and Julia A.
4.	Grace Slamin,	Edward H. and Julia.
6.	Violet Merle Ramsdell,	Edward C. and Jennie L.
7.	Katharine Blanche McKinney,	George F. and Katharine B.
11.	Katharine Louise Quirk,	Thomas F. and Julia L.
11.	Arthur William Wilson,	John and Laura.
13.	John Joseph Cochran,	William J. and Nellie D.
14.	Thomas Sheehan.	Daniel D. and Agnes.
17.	Walter Leland Traub,	Henry and Ella.
18.	Jessie Louise Jones,	David M. and Jessie L.
21.	Irene Louise Bacon,	Frank E. and Louise A. D.
22.	Elsie Louise Warner,	Charles E. and Amy L.
22.	Thomas Donoghue,	Martin E. and Minnie A.
24.	Augusta Sweeney,	Dennis T. and Margaret E.
24.	Helen Burns,	James F. and Margaret.
26.	Beatrice Carlotta Seiler,	Henry J. and Charlotte J.
26.	Ethelind Sleeper,	Harry G. and Maud E.



NOVEMBER—*continued.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
27.	Louise Pfeiffer,	Charles F. and Victoria.
28.	Eva Belle Adams,	John M. and Grace.
30.	Evan Albro Woodward,	John A. and Nellie M.

## DECEMBER.

3.	John Coleman,	Patrick F. and Alice.
3.	George Frederick McKinney,	John W. and Margaret.
11.	Lavelle child,	James J. and Alice F.
11.	Mary Bottimer,	Thomas and Bridget.
12.	Margaret Agnes Fitzgerald,	James E. and Mary A.
16.	—— Korth,	Julius and Helena.
17.	Walter Henry Pratt,	John H. and Emma M.
18.	—— Smith,	James H. and Mary.
23.	Raymond Tyler Darling,	Frank A. and Ida E.
23.	Gladys Myrtie Taylor,	Charles N. and Myrtie O.
26.	Thomas Patrick Connors,	John W. and Margaret V.
27.	Parmenter child,	Charles F. F. and Jennie K.
29.	Lewis Albert Lockhart,	Corneliue A. and Carrie H.
30.	Florence Fair,	Peter and Mary.

## Omitted in Previous Years.

1894.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Sept. 6.	Myrtle Francis Ward,	Daniel T. and Etta E.
Aug. 4.	Nathalie Matilda McKiel,	John D. and Leona E.

1895.

Apr. 12.	Clarence Francis Schaller,	Francis H. and Elizabeth.
Nov. 6.	Vera Gladys Leavitt,	Franklin A. and Eliza M.

Total number registered 172, against 177 in 1895.

## MARRIAGES

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### Registered in Natick for Year 1896.

Unless otherwise stated, the place of marriage and residence of person officiating, Natick.

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#### JANUARY.

2. Edwin L. Groves, 30, Georgie M. DeLand, 22, at Boston, by Sidney Lawrence, J. P.
7. Frederick E. Eaton, 37, Mabel D. Kennedy, 38, at Sharon, by Rev. M. B. Taylor, Canton.
18. Charles Henry Chamberlain, 21, Rosalie Adelaide Valentine, 20, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
22. George W. Hatch, 43, Anna M. Smith, 29, by Rev. D. H. Ela.

#### FEBRUARY.

5. Herbert L. Felch, 26, Lizzie B. R. Hewitt, 22, at Boston, by Sidney Lawrence, Esq., J. P.
5. William C. Howland, 23, Lilla C. Grant, 22, by Rev. Francis J. Marsh, Newton.
12. John G. Harding, 27, Nellie Evans, 27, at Wellesley, by Rev. Lewis W. Hicks, Wellesley.
12. John W. McKenney, 25, Margaret V. Hally, 24, by Rev. M. F. Delaney.
17. Martin Donohoe, 33, Minnie A. Reidy, 28, at Boston, by Rev. Jos. F. Coppinger, Boston.
18. John J. Meagher, 28, Margaret Quigley, 26, by Rev. Edward J. Fagan.
18. John D. Cody, 25, Mary E. Houlihan, 26, by Rev. Edward J. Fagan.
24. James B. Knowlton, 23, Annie E. Northrup, 18, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
26. Theodore Bolser, 25, Elizabeth T. Obear, 24, at Wellesley by Rev. Frank S. Weston, Natick.

## MARCH.

18. William Prentiss Morse, 32, Laura E. Snell, 29, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
31. Evander Xenophon Willard, 20, Sarah H. Jennison, 20, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.

## APRIL.

8. John W. Finlayson, 21, Mary A. Garvey, 22, by Rev. Edward J. Fagan.
22. Albert R. Butters, 22, Edith M. Welch, 22, at Boston, by Rev. E. D. Burr, Boston.
25. James S. Donovan, 22, Nellie F. Fay, 17, by Rev. Edward J. Fagan.
27. William A. Hook, 37, Mary Downs, 29, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
28. Michael J. Finn, 34, Elizabeth J. Hanna, 25, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
28. Samuel L. Peoples, 32, Ida M. Remmele, 19, at Needham, by Rev. A. S. Walker, Needham.
30. Patrick F. Coleman, 23, Alice M. Quirk, 19, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.

## MAY.

1. Thomas Bottimer, 30, Bridget Jordin, 26, by E. J. Fagan.
6. Louis Bent Fairbank, 26, Marilla Margarette Kerr, 21, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
11. George A. Phillips, 22, Isabelle F. Hanson, 21, at Lawrence, by Rev. O. S. Danforth, Lawrence.
20. James Wood, 34, Britta M. Hapgood, 19, at Cochituate, by Rev. M. Emory Wright, Cochituate.
27. John Oscar Nilson, 36, Blenda Cardina Peterson, 20, by Rev. Vilhelm Ljung, Waltham.

## JUNE.

2. William C. Dutton, 24, Grace L. Farnsworth, 23, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
2. John Ahern, 33, Eliza M. Kane, 25, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
3. James S. Ginder, 26, Jeannette McLane, 25, at Lawrence, by Rev. A. H. Amory, Lawrence.

JUNE — *continued.*

3. Charles P. Turner, 25, Gertrude M. Moore, 20, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
3. Thomas S. Cassin, 28, Josephine Hatch, 24, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
10. Patrick Burke, 30, Hannah E. McGrath, 29, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
16. Eugene Elmore Dickinson, 20, Minnie Marie Martz, 24, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
17. Fred B. Ambler, 24, Alice A. Morrison, 20, by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.
17. James B. Scarry, 23, Clara T. Bacher, 18, at Boston, by Rev. Joseph Krieg, Boston.
17. John Francis Waters, 38, Elme Martha Goding, 28, by Rev. Edward Higgins.
17. Dudley P. Whitney, 22, Amy J. Bullard, 18, by Rev. L. R. Daniels, South Natick.
21. Peter F. Barnicle, 29, Mary A. Bolger, 28, at Wellesley Lower Falls, by Rev. P. H. Callanan, N. L. Falls.
22. Lucius W. Richardson, 24, Annie J. Webb, 23, by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.
24. John F. Taff, 32, Elizabeth A. Doyle, 21, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
24. Frank W. Eaton, 24, Amie A. Hardy, 24, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
25. Josiah H. Goddard, 25, Mabel Louise Goodnow, 22, by Rev. J. H. Farnsworth.
25. Walter H. Davis, 41, Bessie F. White, 26, at Sherborn, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Sherborn.
27. Adolphus Goucher, 23, Maud E. Dudley, 24, by Rev. Edw. Higgins.
29. James J. Fennessy, 32, Ellen Daly, 26, at Boston, by Rev. T. J. Mahoney, South Boston.
29. Joseph Madell, 40, Mary E. Kladen, 35, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
30. Frank A. Russell, 29, Bridget A. McGrath, 30, by Rev. Ed. J. Fagan.
30. Daniel T. McCarthy, 25, Margaret M. Slamin, 25, by Rev. John A. Donnelly, South Natick.



## JULY.

6. John A. McKenzie, 22, Inez J. Johnson, 23, at Ashland, by Rev. C. M. Tomblen, Ashland.
14. Ernest W. Derfer, 29, Fanny L. Maynard, 26, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
14. Patrick Bernard Murphy, 22, Gertrude Lillian Heinlein, 19, by James McManus, J. P.
15. John Wilson, 21, Laura Robertson, 23, at South Framingham, by Rev. F. E. Emrich, South Framingham.
17. John A. Todd, 19, Eliza N. Dunbar, 19, by Rev. W. E. Dudley, South Natick.
22. Charles E. Spooner, 24, Lina Mason, 23, by Rev. Edw. Higgins.
27. George W. Fair, 35, Mary L. Moran, 24, by Rev. M. F. Delaney.
27. Edward Donovan, 26, Katharine Murray, 22, by Rev. M. F. Delaney.
28. Henry H. Stevens, 27, Mary E. Smith, 19, at W. Lower Falls, by Rev. P. H. Callanan, N. L. Falls.

## AUGUST.

18. William H. P. Harty, 40, Mary A. King, 41, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
20. John F. Farley, 24, Marion A. Fraser, 21, at Boston, by Rev. J. E. Beals, Boston.
26. Thomas B. Everett, 31, Annie E. Lynch, 23, at So. Coventry, Conn., by Rev. M. H. May, So. Coventry, Conn.
29. Hugh P. Connell, 24, Mary McGrath, 19, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.

## SEPTEMBER.

7. John Kirby, 30, Agnes J. Fair, 20, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
9. Eli W. Stearns, 22, Sarah J. Warren, 27, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
14. George H. Seggers, 24, Jennie L. Hammond, 20, by James McManus, J. P.
24. James Bragg, 33, Anabell Smith, 25, at Lincoln by Rev. Edw. E. Bradley, Lincoln, Mass.
30. Fred E. Deering, 28, Ella A. Brundage, 33, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.

## OCTOBER.

2. Henry W. Town, 19, Ruth Wahlberg, 20, by James McManus, J. P.
14. Harry L. Simpson, 23, Ethel G. Loker, 22, by Rev. John Peterson, Saxonville.
21. Chappell Seaman, 34, Anna E. Aldrich, 36, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
26. Charles H. Seriack, 26, Annie Curran, 26, at Cochituate by Rev. J. N. Jacques, Cochituate.
28. Michael F. Sheehy, 40, Nora Ford, 32, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.

## NOVEMBER.

2. Lindsey E. Coggens, 25, Imilda M. Armstrong, 22, at Boston by Rev. A. E. George, So. Boston.
4. George F. Collins, 28, Agnes J. Mullen, 21, by Rev. M. F. Delaney.
10. Herbert L. Engley, 19, Bertha M. Arnold, 19, by James McManus, J. P.
15. Louis F. Ward, 26, Nellie A. Taft, 28, at Woodville by Rev. W. D. Athearn, Woodville.
21. Fred Gardner Colburn, 21, Mary E. Snow, 19, by Rev. Edw. Higgins.
24. George E. Sanderson, 43, Alice May Stewart, 22, by Rev. Edw. Higgins.
25. William W. Smith, 28, Sarah E. Hatfield, 22, by Rev. A. L. Bumpus.
25. Thomas F. McDonald, 25, Margaret H. Meagher, 30, by Rev. E. J. Fagan.
26. Alpheus B. Wright, 29, Emma J. Adams, 28, at South Framingham by Rev. H. J. Bartlett, Ashland.
30. Edwin C. Esty, 23, Emma E. Hunter, 23, at Sherborn by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Sherborn.

## DECEMBER.

14. Henry J. Hopf, 22, Barbara Klein, 20, at Sherborn by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Sherborn.
16. Charles W. Hall, 21, Carrie E. Healy, 21, by Rev. Edw. Higgins.

DECEMBER — *continued.*

16. Robert H. Dunbar, 23, Elizabeth Lamont, 19, by Rev. F. E. Sturgis.
23. Clarence E. Simpson, 26, Kath. Bell Bacon, 19, by Rev. W. E. Dudley, South Natick.
24. Charles W. Parlee, 27, Bertha L. Hatch, 17, by Rev. Frank S. Weston.
25. George W. Rock, 24, Grace B. Chamberlain, 22, at Sherborn, by Rev. Edmund Dowse, Sherborn.
30. Patrick F. Hallinan, 40, Annie R. Slamin, 22, by Rev. John A. Donnelly, South Natick.

Total number registered, 89, against 84 for 1895.

## DEATHS.

## Registered in Natick for Year 1896.

## JANUARY.

1896.	Name.	Age.			Disease or Cause of Death.
		Y.	M.	D.	
7	John W. Kemp,	68			R. R. accident; B & A.
7	Joanna T. Darling,	45	6	4	Disease of Brain
9	Abbie B. Hall,	59			Bright's Disease
17	Bartholomew J. Brennan,	40	8	14	Phthisis
21	William A. Howe,	71			Pneumonia; left lung
24	Patrick F. Meehan,	28	2	13	Pneumonia
25	Albert W. Childs,	58			Pneumonia
30	Abram C. Lewis,	75	10	9	Pneumonia

## FEBRUARY.

1	Catherine Hurley,	76			Old Age
6	Lizzie McEwin,			5	Convulsions
7	Johanna O'Brien,	51			Pneumonia
12	Eva L. Rogers,	32			Peritonitis
14	Margie T. Ford,	27	2	25	Pneumonia; 19 days
27	Roger Twitchell,			5	Malformation of Heart

## MARCH.

3	Sarah C. Loring,	81			Cerebral Hemorrhage
8	Caroline L. Smith,	48	5	21	Pleurisy and Conges- tion of Liver
10	Horace F. Nason,	55	8		Rectal Carcinoma ; Inanition
21	Elijah Edwards,	73	3	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage ; 8 hours
22	Lucinda A. Fiske,	82	10		Old Age
27	Laura A. F. Mills,	73			Fracture of Leg ; inter- nal injuries

## APRIL.

8	Dupuis child,				Stillborn
13	James Gow,	77	5		Heart Disease; sev- eral years
15	Maria Gleasure,	34	1		Organic Heart Disease ; 2 years
16	Olive Lyford,	77	8		Chronic Gastritis ; Pneumonia
16	McCordick child,				Stillborn
20	Edward M. Cope,	33	10		Not Stated
22	Michael Hogan,	66			Bronchitis
23	Mary S. Bruce,	56	7	4	Cancer of the Liver
24	Samuel Crowell,	56			Phthisis; Chronic Diarrhea
27	Thomas F. Sullivan,	34			Fracture of Skull by a fall

## MAY.

1	Augustus Baird,	66	4	2	Chronic Nephritis
1	Bridget Tobin,	53			Mania, 19 years ; Phthisis
2	Joseph Muldowney,	43			Consumption
3	Edward Monroe,	62	10		Cancer
3	Ellen Whalen,	71			Apoplexy
10	James Foye,	45			Apoplexy
11	Louis Martineau,		3	14	Convulsions
16	Stephen T. Prime,	86			Old Age



MAY — *continued.*

18	Emma F. Spear,	39	1	1	Cancer
22	Smith child,				Stillborn
29	Joseph H. Washburn	67	4		Senile Dementia ; 8 months

## JUNE.

2	John Gilhooly,	23			Killed by the Cars ; B. & A.
6	Michael Goulding,	60			Heart Disease
7	Mary S. Whittemore,	78	1	1	Cerebral Hemorrhage
16	Anna Belle Felch,	22	11		Tuberculosis
16	Austin Arnold,	67			Cardiac and Kidney Degeneration
23	David Foley,	79			Senility ; Diarrhea
26	McCue child,				Stillborn
26	Ellen A. Travis,	47	11		Malignant Disease of Liver

## JULY.

2	Elizabeth M. Smith,	45	6		General Debility ; Several Years
9	Carrie A. Wyatt,	47	9		Phthisis
13	Mary A. Hibbard,	39	10	11	Heart Disease
13	Frederick E. Doolittle,	11	11		Cholera Infantum
14	George L. McCarron,	4	10		Diphtheria
14	Maria B. Walker,	26	5	25	Acute Phthisis
15	Effie M. Clough,	1	1	1	Congenital Syphilis
17	Thomas E. Doolittle,	11	15		Cholera Infantum
23	Hattie M. Ray,	46		20	Typhoid Fever
25	Ellis child,			2	Premature Child
27	Louisa Topham,	1		12	Cholera Infantum
28	Nancy W. Chamberlin,	68		27	Cancer of Stomach
29	Grant S. Tyler,	26			Paralysis
31	Jeremiah Mahoney	46			Chr. Rheumatism

## AUGUST.

1	Bridget Naphin,	55			Heart Disease follow- ing La Grippe
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AUGUST — *continued.*

2	Howard S. Haynes,	3	2	Cholera Infantum
5	Patrick H. Nyland,	25	9 24	Cerebral Meningitis
9	Alice E. Blaisdell,	25	10	Acute Sepsis
10	Daniel Casey,	28		Thermic Fever
11	Adolph H. Mayers,	22	2	Heart Disease
11	Gertrude L. Godendorf,	11	3	Cholera Infantum
12	Hannah P. Walcott,	80	4	Fibroid Kidney; intestinal Paralysis
12	Patience G. Wright,	84		Inflammation of Liver and Gall Duct
14	Mullen child,			Stillborn
15	Emma I. Ambler	36	5 25	Acute Miliary Tuberculosis
22	Angeline Adams,	62	6	Epileptic Disease; Chronic Hepatitis
23	Florence M. Moore,	9	13	Cholera Infantum
28	Timothy W. Brown,	81	9	Old Age

## SEPTEMBER.

1	Herbert T. Dole,	18	8 7	Accidental Drowning
1	Jessie M. Fisher,	16		Accidental Drowning
2	Sweeney child,			Asthenia
2	William R. Regan,	51		Phthisis
4	Alton C. Bullard,	1	1 14	Inflammation of Bowels
11	Grace Harriette Wood,		13	Intermittent Fever
12	Sarah F. Lambard,	87	3	Senile Decay
15	Blanche E. Snow,	3	11	Convulsions
19	Paul Gavin,		3	Icterus Neonatorum
22	Willard Child,			Stillborn
27	Lucinda A. Boyden,	75		Pneumonia

## OCTOBER.

2	Clarence B. Akerley,	10		Cholera Infantum
4	Donovan child,			Stillborn
9	Caroline C. Alexander,	43	4 24	Phthisis
11	Jane Robinson,	64		Valvular Disease of the Heart
12	Adaliza Damon,	56	11	Diabetes

OCTOBER — *continued.*

14	Maria E. Jewert,	51		Cerebritis
19	Patrick Jennings,	59	5	Heart Disease ; sudden
27	Magdalene Thimme,	61	4	Chr. Bright's Disease
28	Joseph B. Franklin,	40	3	Not stated
31	Susan G. Hanchett,	79		Intestinal Obstruction
31	Gibbs child,			Stillborn
31	Richard Hoey,	45		Heart Disease ; 4 years

## NOVEMBER.

3	John E. Murphy,	37	9	Bright's Disease ; Hepatic Cirrhosis
6	Clinton E. Hibbard,	41		Pneumonia
10	Rebecca E. Bigelow,	84		Old Age
11	Susan M. Karstens,	71	2 20	Senile Gangrene
11	Charlotte E. Perry,	71	11 6	Phthisis
11	Patrick Dolan,	60		Apoplexy
12	John Gregg,	7	4	Meningitis
13	John H. Casey,	32		Accident
14	Emma C. Wood,	53	7	Ūraemia
15	Sarah J. Harwood,	52	8	Hemorrhage ; death sudden
21	George S. Bowker,	78	6 19	Heart Disease ; sudden
29	Annie I. Brown,	27	6	Intestinal Obstruction

## DECEMBER.

5	Michael Meehan,	56		Hemorrhage of Brain
12	Lavelle child			Stillborn
20	Leon L. Lund,		1 28	Marasmus
23	Nahum B. Carpenter,	51	26	Consumption
26	Harold S. Dean,	9 hours,		Malformation of Heart
30	Parmenter child,	2 hours.		Marasmus
30	Laura A. Walcott,	47		Peritonitis

Total, 120 ; against 145 in the previous year. Parentage to our population, less than 14 in 1000.

### INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

Eight licenses (1st and 4th classes), under Chap. 100 of the Public Statutes were granted by the Selectmen to: A. H. Berry & Co., Bisch & Hopf, Simonds Bros., D. D. Sheehan & Co., Thomas F. Curran, John A. Kelley, M. H. O'Rourke & Co., Geo. W. Giddings.

Four licenses of the 6th class were granted to: James E. Cooper, Charles W. Perry, Walter T. Burke and Louie E. Clark.

The net income to the town from liquor licenses was about \$8250.

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### DOGS.

Whole number of licenses issued (including one \$50 breeder's license), to Dec. 1, 1896, 597. Males, 539; females, 57.

Whole number same period previous year, 590. Males, 540; females, 49, and one breeder's license.

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After deducting Clerk's fees, the amount paid over to County Treasurer was \$1293.60, and this, less the necessary percentage retained, will be refunded to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES McMANUS,

*Town Clerk.*

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I have examined the financial account of the Town Clerk relating to dog licenses for 1896-7, and find the same correct.

ALEXANDER A. KANE,

*Auditor.*



## SELECTMEN'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

For the Year Ending February 28, 1897.

### PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

SCHOOLS—District No. 1, house and land.

"	2.	"	"	"
"	3.	"	"	"
"	4.	"	"	"
"	5.	"	"	"
"	6.	"	"	"
"	7.	"	"	"

School-house and land on Cochituate street.

" " " " " Pond street.

" " " " " South Main street.

" " " " " Harvard street.

High School-house and land.

Old High School-house lot.

School Furniture and Text Books.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—Brick Engine house and land, Summer street.

Hook and ladder house, Summer street.

Engine house and land, South Natick.

Hose house and land, Felchville.

Hose house and land, North Natick.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—Three steam fire engines.

Four hose wagons and hose.

Two hose carriages and hose.

One jumper and hose.

Two hook and ladder trucks (equipped).

## FIRE DEPARTMENT—9,000 feet of hose.

Eleven horses.

Harnesses.

Furniture at engine house.

Stable at South Natick.

Stable at Felchville.

## MISCELLANEOUS—

Four carts.

Two sleds.

One shed on Summer street.

One shed at engine house, South Natick.

Two road scrapers.

One road plow.

Five snow plows.

One stone crusher.

One steam drill.

One road roller

Highway tools.

Poor Farm, with stock and furniture belonging to the same.

North Cemetery.

West Part Cemetery.

Glenwood, Cemetery, South Natick.

Old Burial Ground, South Natick.

Brigham lot of land on East Central street.

Prescott lot of land, West Part.

Thirty acres of land, West Part.

Land on East Central st., east of Common.

Four lots of land on Nebraska Plains.

Land for sewerage.

Three safes.

Water works.

## MISCELLANEOUS—

Mass. Supreme Court reports and other books.

Morse Institute.

Office furniture for Selectmen, School Committee, Assessors, and Armory of Co. L.

Spaulding Fund, \$1,004.16.

Standard Weights and Measures.

One set hay scales.

Town Park.

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUNDRY EXPENSES.

### Relating Chiefly to the Street, Poor and Police Departments.

Royal B. Wight, burial of soldiers . . . .	\$ 35 00
L. T. Snell, repairs at almshouse . . . .	3 40
Woodlawn Dairy Co., supplies . . . .	16 70
C. W. Messenger, services . . . .	3 00
F. A. Darling, poor in almshouse . . . .	6 00
Natick Citizen Co., printing town report . .	330 00
Natick Citizen Co., highways . . . .	4 00
A. B. Black, one snow plow . . . .	40 00
Gen. Wadsworth Relief Corps, food . . . .	20 15
George Tyler & Co., Boston, highways . .	9 00
E. Clark, borrowed money . . . .	764 50
E. W. Buell, breaking roads . . . .	3 75
J. L. Wilson, breaking roads . . . .	17 06
Howe & Co., expressing . . . .	2 60
A. D. Gurney, services . . . .	3 00
L. C. Brown, damages to tank . . . .	4 31
Everett Colburn, refunded taxes . . . .	43 14
C. W. Messinger, services as cattle inspector .	75 00
Ryan & Lackey, horse . . . .	150 00
Charles J. Foskett, repairs . . . .	20 30
George Nutt, posting warrant . . . .	2 00
M. R. Warren, license blanks, etc . . . .	3 75
Natick Citizen Co., printing, highways . .	5 00
Natick Citizen Co., printing, Board of Health .	6 00
Natick Citizen Co., printing town warrant . .	8 00
W. F. Wheeler, snow plow . . . .	65 00
J. A. Morse, highways . . . .	17 70
Ames Plow Co., gravel screens . . . .	14 67

John Everett, returning deaths . . . . .	5 00
M. Ross, highways . . . . .	75 00
Vincent Salomone, crushed stone . . . . .	65 00
W. A. Simmons, repairs at poor farm . . . . .	28 50
R. T. Brown, repairs . . . . .	59 79
Woodlawn Dairy Co., supplies . . . . .	8 40
C. J. Foskett, supplies . . . . .	1 50
J. E. McDougall, extinguishers . . . . .	14 00
C. T. Brooks, team to poor farm . . . . .	1 00
E. L. Lackey, team to Dedham . . . . .	3 00
F. C. Perry, expenses of almshouse committee . . . . .	3 00
John Everett, burial of J. Muldowney . . . . .	18 00
John Everett, burial of Johanna O'Brien . . . . .	15 00
W. D. Parlin, supplies to lockup . . . . .	50
J. M. Fiske, supplies to lockup . . . . .	6 35
Delia Mahar, damages, grade crossing . . . . .	2,000 00
R. B. Wight, burial of two soldiers . . . . .	70 00
W. W. Wight, surveying . . . . .	16 00
Mary Collins, washing rooms . . . . .	2 00
M. E. Morris, care of targets . . . . .	150 00
L. C. Brown, highways . . . . .	14 85
Post 63, G. A. R. . . . .	225 00
Chas. H. Flagg, gravel . . . . .	59 80
Winifred Brooks, damages, grade crossing . . . . .	2,040 00
C. W. Johnson, damages, grade crossing . . . . .	663 00
Ryan & Lackey, team for selectmen . . . . .	5 00
Norfolk Mfg. Co., supplies . . . . .	21 55
P. Kennedy, expressing . . . . .	1 00
R. B. McKim, lawn mower . . . . .	7 50
Holmes and Blanchard, highway supplies . . . . .	6 43
Walworth Mfg. Co., supplies . . . . .	1 61
Charles J. Foskett, highways . . . . .	10 54
Leland Belting Co., highways . . . . .	50 98
Springfield Foundry Co., highways . . . . .	19 44
B. and A. R. R., freight charges on above . . . . .	90
C. T. Brooks, storage, clipping horses, etc. . . . .	48 00
T. J. Griffin, manure for almshouse . . . . .	6 00
C. W. Burks, burial of Whittemore . . . . .	25 00
R. T. Brown, work on trees on common . . . . .	14 80



W. A. Jessop, breaking roads, etc. . . . .	20 30
Carter and Shepard Co., book for assessors . . . .	2 35
Mabel Ford, records of transfers for assessors . .	29 66
Committee on Armory, expenses . . . . .	29 50
Adams Express Co., expressing . . . . .	35
W. D. Parlin, oil and can for mower . . . . .	47
James Manuel, trimming trees, . . . . .	15 00
Mrs. M. Sweeney, one cow . . . . .	50 00
F. S. Whittemore, fertilizer for farm . . . . .	30 00
Mrs. E. A. Pope, nursing of Whittemore . . . .	5 00
J. B. Knowlton, nursing of Mrs. Wyatt . . . .	11 25
A. Chamberlain, work at Wilson Memorial . . . .	7 00
John Whalen, Wilson monument on common . . .	53 00
J. D. Macewen, 30 helmets for police . . . . .	10 50
M. McCue, damages grade crossing . . . . .	1,500 00
Mary Beaty, damages grade crossing . . . . .	1,500 00
Natick Citizen Co., Town Warrant, etc. . . . .	8 00
M. Manning, removing check list board . . . .	50
F. W. Manchester, serving Town Warrant . . . .	2 00
W. W. Wight, surveying South Main street . . .	50 00
Cleland, Healy & Underwood, supplies for police .	8 00
E. Sheedy, painting hats, etc. . . . .	5 00
Fiske & Co., ventilator on lockup . . . . .	9 25
Wight & Co., one truss . . . . .	2 50
Mrs. J. W. Fisher, cough syrup for poor . . . .	1 20
Fiske & Co., highway supplies . . . . .	26 59
Fiske & Co., highway supplies . . . . .	11 39
Howe & Co., highway expressage . . . . .	2 37
George Brierley, highway work, etc. . . . .	13 87
H. H. Harvey, highway supplies . . . . .	9 03
C. J. Foskett, work for highway department . . .	6 95
W. D. Parlin, supplies for highway department .	3 61
B. M. Brennan, oil for highway department . . .	1 80
D. J. Ferguson, labor for highway department . .	81 00
O. W. Harris, labor, etc., for highway department	13 20
J. H. Donovan, executor, stone for highway department . . . . .	72 30
J. J. Walker, share of price of crushed stone . .	10 00
Ed. L. Pray, police service by order of Board of Health . . . . .	18 00

Mrs. J. Coombs, care of Mrs. Wyatt . . .	3 00
Mrs. M. McCann, damages, grade crossing . . .	2,163 00
J. B. Knowlton, care of Mrs. Wyatt . . .	13 00
Natick Citizen Co., dog notices, etc. . . .	3 50
J. H. Underwood, supplies for poor . . .	1 50
P. R. Manuel, medical attendance on poor . .	10 00
Norwich Pharmacy Co., supplies for poor . .	4 60
W. D. Parlin, supplies for Poor Farm . . .	8 06
C. W. Messenger, services on cattle at farm .	12 00
W. L. Doane, lime and labor for police . . .	8 53
F. W. Manchester, police duty . . . . .	1 00
S. R. Capen. M. D., professional services. Moran	2 00
George Nut, serving notice on J. W. Morse .	1 08
B. & A. R. R., freight . . . . .	32
C. W. Burks, burial of Clough child . . . .	12 00
C. W. Burks, returning deaths . . . . .	6 25
Mary S. Bacon, gravel . . . . .	37 50
Fiske & Co., highway supplies . . . . .	11 57
Bowker & Barnard, labor for highways dept.	5 18
Farwell & Son, insurance for highways dept.	45 00
Hiram Brown, teams for Board of Health . .	5 50
D. J. Ferguson, concrete, . . . . .	241 23
D. J. Ferguson, concrete, Grove street . . .	178 42
W. P. Mayo, services . . . . .	6 00
James Lillis, labor for street dept. . . . .	52 72
Fred Waterhouse, labor for street dept. . . .	33 79
Natick Citizen Co., printing for Assessors . .	25 00
W. D. Parlin, supplies, . . . . .	65
C. H. Flagg, gravel . . . . .	8 10
E. Clark, assignee of A Mayers . . . . .	1 41
Edgar Snow, horse . . . . .	215 00
R. A. Clink. expenses of Selectmen in above purchase . . . . .	11 65
Adams Express Co. . . . .	20
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co. . . . .	8 50
Walworth M'f'g Co. . . . .	1 50
E. Whitney & Co., lime . . . . .	7 25
G. H. Sampson, supplies . . . . .	2 50
W. P. Mayo, services, . . . . .	2 00

Howe & Co., expressing . . . . .	25
C. T. Brooks, labor for street dept. . . . .	42 75
Potter, Mahard & Simmons, supplies for street dept. . . . .	6 69
Fiske & Co., supplies for street dept. . . . .	15 47
L. T. Snell, repairing lawn mower . . . . .	2 50
O. A. Felch, posts for street dept. . . . .	12 75
Mary S. Bacon, gravel for street dept. . . . .	6 40
E. S. Stacey, oils for street dept. . . . .	9 67
C. J. Foskett, labor, etc., for street dept. . . . .	6 10
W. J. Burke, repairs of Eliot Monument fence . . . . .	97 00
E. M. Sheedy, street signs . . . . .	9 64
G. H. Sampson, supplies for street dept. . . . .	7 30
Geo. Nutt, town warrant . . . . .	2 00
E. B. Bigelow, gravel . . . . .	13 20
Fiske & Co., supplies for poor farm . . . . .	6 52
L. P. Stone, supplies for poor farm . . . . .	10 73
Fiske & Co., supplies for poor farm . . . . .	2 15
J. W. King, supplies for Mrs. Hughes . . . . .	10 00
L. T. Snell, labor for poor dept. . . . .	4 14
A. P. Finley, labor for street dept. . . . .	6 00
G. C. Fairbanks, badges, etc., for police . . . . .	3 35
J. B. and M. H. Sweeney, materials for street dept. . . . .	9 45
H. H. Harvey, materials for street dept. . . . .	11 99
Isaac Damon, gravel for street dept. . . . .	7 50
William A. Simmons, cart bodies for street dept. . . . .	15 00
Natick Citizen Co., printing for street department . . . . .	3 00
Howe & Co., expressing . . . . .	2 90
W. P. Mayo, services . . . . .	11 00
Wm. Ford, extra work on common, July 4th . . . . .	10 00
Co. L, repairs in Armory . . . . .	33 60
Union Lumber Co., lumber, etc., for street department . . . . .	10 03
Adams Express Co. . . . .	45
W. A. Bird, coal for street department . . . . .	72 82
F. E. Hooker, funeral of Mrs. Robinson . . . . .	18 00
W. H. Sylvester, damage to sleigh and harness . . . . .	25 00
L. P. Stone, supplies for poor farm . . . . .	13 03
George Nutt, town warrant . . . . .	2 00

W. D. Parlin, supplies for poor farm . . . . .	8 08
John Everett, burial of R. Hoey . . . . .	18 00
J. A. Bean, supplies for poor farm . . . . .	10 00
P. R. Manuel, services . . . . .	2 00
W. A. Jessop, repairing culvert on Oak street . . . . .	25 80
F. McMahan, labor, etc., for street department . . . . .	4 60
Sias & Lee, hay for street department . . . . .	112 30
C. E. Buckley, boots for street department . . . . .	17 00
C. T. Brooks, services, etc., for street department . . . . .	62 65
Robert S. Robson, repairs of ballot boxes . . . . .	10 00
W. W. Wight, services for street department . . . . .	11 00
D. J. Ferguson, concrete . . . . .	379 50
Fiske & Co., supplies for street department . . . . .	36 36
G. H. Badger, work for street department . . . . .	7 00
Union Lumber Co., lumber, etc., for street department . . . . .	23 17
F. Diehl & Son, supplies for street department . . . . .	19 05
Natick Gas and Electric Co., Eliot street lights . . . . .	350 00
James McManus, for preparing ads of license applicants for paper . . . . .	28 00
C. P. Currier, tax titles . . . . .	220 70
J. H. Tash, abatement on concrete . . . . .	35 98
M. J. Manning, services about check list board . . . . .	2 00
John Everett, returning deaths . . . . .	6 50
Martin Hall, time cards for street department . . . . .	4 00
Martin Hall, printing . . . . .	26 00
Natick Citizen, printing sewer report . . . . .	10 00
W. A. Simmons, repairs at poor farm . . . . .	2 75
O. H. Burleigh, insurance . . . . .	128 80
G. C. Fairbanks, printing for poor department . . . . .	9 50
W. J. Cavanagh, services to John McElroy . . . . .	2 00
E. M. Sheedy, painting sign for lockup . . . . .	3 75
G. C. Fairbanks, printing sewer report . . . . .	10 00
G. C. Fairbanks, printing sundries . . . . .	22 40
W. Richards, vaccinating children, etc. . . . .	12 00
Sias and Lee, straw . . . . .	12 77
C. P. Currier, tax titles . . . . .	70 34
Natick Gas and Electric Co., materials and labor . . . . .	6 95
Natick Gas and Electric Co., lights on Eliot street . . . . .	22 42



G. W. Giddings, meals for election officers . . .	21
D. J. Ferguson, concrete . . . . .	201 42
Mrs. J. Slamin, work for Mrs. Garvin . . .	8 00
G. C. Fairbanks, books, etc., for Assessors . . .	13 50
Natick Water Dept., water for lockup . . .	6 00
Franklin Savings Bank . . . . .	70,000 00
Franklin Savings Bank, interest . . . . .	1,925 00
Home Savings Bank, note and interest . . .	10,231 25
Estate Mary A. Morse, note and interest . . .	3,062 62
Martha Clark, note and interest . . . . .	100 00
Mary A. Morse estate, note and interest . . .	1,400 00
Natick Savings Bank . . . . .	400 00
Natick Savings Bank . . . . .	800 00
Natick Savings Bank . . . . .	240 00
J. O. Hayden, Co. Treas., county tax . . . . .	5,723 46
Commonwealth of Mass., liquor money . . .	2,751 00
C. A. Goodnow, grade crossing . . . . .	3,000 00
John B. Whalen, Eliot Monument . . . . .	10 00
Cassie Garvin, 2 weeks' work at T. Garvin . . .	16 00
C. T. Brooks, teams, etc., for street dept. . .	28 29
W. H. Sylvester, returning births . . . . .	7 75
William Johnson, gravel . . . . .	12 50
E. J. Thomas, care of Taylor child . . . . .	25 00
Robinson & Jones, supplies for poor farm . . .	21 06
C. T. Brooks, hack to poor house . . . . .	3 00
D. H. Wight, dressing 2 hogs at poor farm . . .	2 50
John J. Burke, 1 cow for poor farm . . . . .	27 00
W. W. Wight, surveys for new almshouse . . .	11 00
W. D. Parlin, supplies for police dept. . . . .	85
C. W. Burks, returning deaths . . . . .	8 00
Edgar Hayes, photographing . . . . .	1 00
J. F. Allen, shoeing horses . . . . .	11 10
F. E. Hooker, returning deaths . . . . .	7 75
W. D. Parlin, supplies at poor farm . . . . .	5 52
F. E. Houghton, hack, funeral of Mr. Bliss . . .	5 00
C. T. Brooks, services for street dept. . . . .	20 43
R. A. Clink, services new almshouse . . . . .	50 00
C. W. Burks, burial of Moore child . . . . .	9 00
Natick Water Dept., water for So. Natick police . .	6 00

Wm. Nutt, attorney for Mrs. O'Connell, . . .	200 00
Dennis McGrath, grade crossing . . . . .	450 00
James McManus, returning births, marriages, deaths, and cash paid . . . . .	116 00
James McManus, cash paid for recording 9 tax titles	7 65
W. L. Doane, repairs . . . . .	5 00
F. P. Caswell, repairs . . . . .	2 00
W. J. Cochran, returning births . . . . .	4 75
W. H. Sylvester, M. D. . . . .	9 00
R. T. Brown, street dept. . . . .	24 25
Doon and Bowers, street dept. . . . .	93 61
Natick Gas o., light for armory, offices, streets, etc. . . . .	170 40
Natick Electric Co., Eliot street lights . . .	89 64
L. E. Clark, supplies . . . . .	1 60
Annie Hammond . . . . .	10 00
Sarah J. Gould . . . . .	8 00
Mary Millerick . . . . .	8 00
Mrs. Cyril Moore, care of Taylor child . . .	15 00
Emily A. Pope, nursing . . . . .	20 00
E. H. Sweetland, nursing . . . . .	20 00
Michael Commons, cesspool at Poor Farm . .	18 00
Catherine Burke, two cows . . . . .	80 00
S. K. Eaton . . . . .	40
Mrs. Kenealy, supplies . . . . .	12 65
J. H. Wright, services . . . . .	5 00
Cary & Burke . . . . .	10 70
F. A. Darling . . . . .	6 00
Eliot Perry, winding clock . . . . .	25 00
F. E. Boardman, winding clock . . . . .	25 00
W. P. Mayo, cattle inspector . . . . .	200 00
C. P. Currier, collector of taxes . . . . .	500 00
Wm. Ford, care of common . . . . .	50 00
Paying state aid and expenses, town clerk for selectmen . . . . .	29 00
Natick Citizen, printing, street department .	3 00
C. W. McLain, street department . . . . .	7 00
M. E. Hall, street department . . . . .	16 35
O. Nelson, street department . . . . .	5 00

W. D. Parlin, street department . . . . .	1 32
B. & A. R. R., street department . . . . .	1 34
James Lillis, street department . . . . .	3 00
Potter, Mahard & Simmons, street department . . . . .	8 23
Johnson, Dale & Aldrich, street department . . . . .	9 26
M. E. Hall . . . . .	3 00
W. D. Parlin . . . . .	1 00
S. R. Capen, returning births . . . . .	50
G. C. Fairbanks, printing . . . . .	3 50
E. J. Kyte, damages . . . . .	25 00
H. G. Sleeper, attorney for Freeman, damages . . . . .	58 33
Martin Hall, printing . . . . .	16 25
Sewer department, for street department . . . . .	121 50
D. J. Barnicle, services . . . . .	1 00
J. B. Jackson, services . . . . .	1 50
W. W. Wight, services, O'Brien case . . . . .	15 00
E. S. Hayes, photos, O'Brien case . . . . .	10 00
E. Clark, borrowed money, grade crossings . . . . .	3,083 13
Estate Mary A. Morse, borrowed money . . . . .	6,307 50
Natick Savings Bank, borrowed money . . . . .	5,114 14
Natick Savings Bank . . . . .	2,900 00
Estate Mary A. Morse, interest . . . . .	200 00
E. Clark, interest, grade crossing note . . . . .	112 50
Sinking Fund Commissioners, interest . . . . .	261 25
Sinking Fund Commissioners, borrowed money . . . . .	5,000 00
Natick Savings Bank, interest . . . . .	120 00
M. R. Warren, supplies . . . . .	3 25
H. C. Mulligan, legal services . . . . .	165 76
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, state tax . . . . .	3,990 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Nat. bank tax . . . . .	798 11
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grade crossings . . . . .	4,431 86
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, interest . . . . .	641 49
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, penalty on Overseers of Poor . . . . .	3 00
E. Clark, miscellaneous supplies . . . . .	26 95
E. Clark, interest on sewer bonds . . . . .	6,000 00
Sinking Fund Commissioners . . . . .	800 00
Martin Hall, advertising almshouse . . . . .	2 00
Fiske and Co., drain pipe . . . . .	24 00

Carlton Smith, supplies . . . . .	3 50
M. E. Smith, disbursing agent, soldiers' aid . . . . .	25 00
D. Finn, supplies for assessors . . . . .	3 38
H. R. Fittz, supplies for plumbing committee . . . . .	1 00
J. McManus, care of offices . . . . .	13 00
C. B. Felch, incidentals, cash paid . . . . .	1 00
Daniher and McFatridge, damages to sign . . . . .	7 25
F. C. Perry, postage . . . . .	2 16

### ORDERS DRAWN ON BILLS APPROVED BY THE POOR DEPARTMENT.

In this list, for greater conciseness, we give the aggregate of the several bills rendered by same parties throughout the year.

Names of recipients of aid will be found in Overseers' report.

I. B. S. Randall, supplies . . . . .	\$210 89
T. W. Burns, supplies . . . . .	60 23
Milton E. Smith, supplies . . . . .	218 52
W. C. Maynard, supplies . . . . .	50 85
Gray and Young, supplies . . . . .	409 93
T. J. Doherty, supplies . . . . .	323 11
Daniels and Twitchell, supplies . . . . .	81 70
John Whalen, supplies . . . . .	418 00
Natick Protective Union, supplies . . . . .	686 49
L. F. Hoffman, supplies . . . . .	78 45
Potter, Mahard and Simmons, supplies . . . . .	186 23
Union Lumber Co., supplies . . . . .	140 94
E. Clark, supplies . . . . .	268 00
P. H. Buckley, supplies . . . . .	465 85
Burke and Dolan, supplies . . . . .	74 14
T. F. Holton, rent . . . . .	48 00
Charles Brady, rent . . . . .	40 00
M. Whalen, rent . . . . .	5 00
Mrs. D. Ahern, rent . . . . .	25 00
Penelope Nally, rent . . . . .	25 00
L. Winch, rent . . . . .	60 00
W. L. Coolidge, rent . . . . .	47 00



Ellen Fennessy, rent . . . . .	21 00
O. H. Burleigh, rent . . . . .	110 00
Johanna Moynihan, rent . . . . .	20 00
H. Broad, rent . . . . .	47 00
P. F. McManus, rent . . . . .	55 00
Mrs D. C. Meagher, rent . . . . .	55 00
Julia A. Beal, rent . . . . .	60 00
Dorothy Heinlein, rent . . . . .	42 00
Thomas Hanna, rent . . . . .	108 00
F. N. Adams, rent . . . . .	12 00
C. Q. Tirrell, rent . . . . .	55 00
Town of Framingham, aid rendered . . . . .	49 20
Town of Bradford, aid rendered . . . . .	337 40
Town of Wayland, aid rendered . . . . .	207 40
Town of Gardner, aid rendered . . . . .	24 25
Town of Montague, aid rendered . . . . .	80 00
Town of Milford, aid rendered . . . . .	267 00
Commonwealth of Mass., aid rendered . . . . .	558 50
Worcester Hospital for Insane . . . . .	1,709 06
Medfield Insane Asylum . . . . .	1,100 40
Mass. Hospital for Dipsomaniacs . . . . .	31 11
Hospital cottages for children . . . . .	169 18
Westboro Insane Hospital . . . . .	157 86
Carney Hospital . . . . .	10 46
City of Boston . . . . .	46 50
City of Lowell . . . . .	60 00
Emeline Blackman . . . . .	169 92
Mrs. P. A. McGinty . . . . .	169 92
Daniher and McFatrige, supplies . . . . .	54 80
C. E. Buckley, supplies . . . . .	15 65
Mrs. M. Perry, supplies . . . . .	88 16
Fair Bros., supplies . . . . .	15 85
A. W. Palmer, supplies . . . . .	51 25
E. P. Brennan, supplies . . . . .	26 45
P. J. McHugh, supplies . . . . .	71 80
J. E. Cooper, supplies . . . . .	1 00
W. A. Bird, supplies . . . . .	159 77
F. Deihl and Son, supplies . . . . .	21 00
G. C. Wight, supplies . . . . .	17 25

Mrs. Stoddard . . . . .	4 50
P. J. Donahoe . . . . .	14 16
Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. . . . .	59 43
G. H. Johnson, supplies . . . . .	13 76
Crowell Hatch, supplies . . . . .	11 00
Loker Bros., supplies . . . . .	197 65
J. H. Underwood, supplies . . . . .	2 50
B. F. Moran, supplies . . . . .	4 00
James Downs, supplies . . . . .	25 28
Beal and Healy, supplies . . . . .	11 45
S. B. Knowles, supplies . . . . .	59 24
C. W. Perry, supplies . . . . .	21 75
W. F. Buffington, supplies . . . . .	2 50
F. C. Perry, cash paid out . . . . .	5 60
Mrs. C. O. Eaton, supplies . . . . .	25 63
H. L. Whipple, supplies . . . . .	173 63
Robinson and Jones, supplies . . . . .	228 39
Wm. Richards, services . . . . .	322 35
R. T. Brown, services . . . . .	116 78
Oliver Bros., supplies . . . . .	58 71
Lucy J. Carter, supplies . . . . .	95 96
F. L. Ward, supplies . . . . .	6 38
Doon and Bowers, supplies . . . . .	9 10
J. B. Leamy, supplies . . . . .	9 50
Town of Bridgewater, aid . . . . .	5 00
Town of Whitman, aid . . . . .	16 50
Ann Berry, care of Johnstone . . . . .	80 00
C. W. Burke, funeral of Johnstone . . . . .	15 00
J. W. King, supplies . . . . .	4 00
John Everett, burial of Garvin . . . . .	15 00
W. A. Simmons, services, . . . . .	31 25
Mrs. Mary Ritter, rent . . . . .	26 00
John B. Moyse, supplies . . . . .	41 90
Norwich Phar. Co., supplies . . . . .	7 10
Cary and Burke, services . . . . .	3 30
Mrs. J. W. Fisher, medicine . . . . .	80
Riley Pebbles, shoes . . . . .	1 25
J. E. Brady, supplies . . . . .	5 34
Cleland, Healy and Underwood, supplies . . . . .	20 50

F. S. Loker, supplies . . . . .	19 17
H. C. Mulligan, rent . . . . .	120 00
Campbell and Roberts, supplies . . . . .	12 74
E. W. Burke, manure . . . . .	10 50
Fiske and Co., supplies . . . . .	15 10
F. E. Houghton, team . . . . .	2 25
Wilson and Perry, insurance . . . . .	100 00
R. E. Farwell, insurance . . . . .	100 00
J. M. Forbush, insurance . . . . .	80 00
Cassie Garvin, nursing . . . . .	30 00
A. O. Pearse, warden, etc. . . . .	612 54

## POLICE.

M. Brigham . . . . .	81 95
George N. Goddard . . . . .	52 00
Joseph M. Blandin (including supplies, etc.) . . . . .	795 19
Patrick Beaty . . . . .	744 00
William Bean . . . . .	736 00
Elijah Page . . . . .	571 00
John J. Oakes . . . . .	733 00
John Colemn . . . . .	557 00
Thomas F. Fair . . . . .	244 00
John H. Green . . . . .	131 00
James B. Sweeney . . . . .	117 00
Wm. E. Daniels . . . . .	98 60
Edgar Hayes . . . . .	7 00
J. M. Blandin, for extra police 4th of July . . . . .	105 00
R. W. Kennedy . . . . .	2 00
D. A. Mahoney, laundry . . . . .	3 44
Potter, Mahard and Simmons, supplies . . . . .	8 28
W. S. Daniels, express . . . . .	1 00
J. W. King, supplies . . . . .	2 87
Mrs. S. L. Rogers, supplies . . . . .	51 60
Dr. Manuel, services . . . . .	2 00
Dr. Richards, services . . . . .	2 50

## ELECTION OFFICERS.

Percy W. Ambler, service at two elections	.	.	\$10 00
F. W. Sampson, " " " "	.	.	10 00
T. J. Young, " " " "	.	.	10 00
John A. Hogan, " " " "	.	.	10 00
A. P. Knowles, " " " "	.	.	10 00
Theo. Russell, " " " "	.	.	10 00
P. H. Buckley, " " " "	.	.	10 00
A. J. Doon, " " " "	.	.	10 00
J. S. Goulding, " " " "	.	.	10 00
D. J. Barnicle, " " one election	.	.	5 00
G. W. Travis, " " " "	.	.	5 00
H. L. Pleiffer, " " " "	.	.	5 00
T. J. Murphy, " " " "	.	.	5 00
W. Everett, " " " "	.	.	5 00
Harvey A. Bruce, " " " "	.	.	5 00
B. F. Moran, " " " "	.	.	5 00
H. R. Fittz, " " " "	.	.	5 00
R. Foley, " " " "	.	.	5 00
H. E. Glidden, " " " "	.	.	5 00
E. F. Dowd, " " " "	.	.	5 00
Geo. M. Foster, " " " "	.	.	5 00
E. W. Burke, " " " "	.	.	5 00
Pierce Butler, " " " "	.	.	5 00
J. R. Keating, " " " "	.	.	5 00
A. P. Sleepe, " " " "	.	.	5 00
J. M. Minnock, " " " "	.	.	5 00
F. W. Eldridge, " " " "	.	.	5 00
J. E. Shea, " " " "	.	.	5 00
J. D. Kennedy, " " " "	.	.	5 00
J. F. Moran, " " " "	.	.	5 00
E. E. Taylor, " " " "	.	.	5 00
H. A. Pray, " " " "	.	.	5 00
C. F. Pleiffer, " " " "	.	.	5 00
F. P. Caswell, " " " "	.	.	5 00
E. Perry, " " " "	.	.	5 00
F. N. Adams, " " " "	.	.	5 00
T. F. Sullivan, " " " "	.	.	5 00
F. Atkinson, " " " "	.	.	5 00

Harvey E. Bruce, partial service at one election . . .	3 50
L. W. Harris, " " " " " " . . .	3 59
D. Finn, " " " " " " . . .	3 50
O. T. Bartlett, " " " " " " . . .	3 00
H. L. Gleason, " " " " " " . . .	2 50
G. W. Travis, " " " " " " . . .	2 50
T. H. Sweeney, " " " " " " . . .	2 50
T. H. Connolly, " " " " " " . . .	2 50
T. J. Murphy, " " " " " " . . .	2 50
W. E. Dodge, " " " " " " . . .	2 00
T. F. Sullivan, warden Presidential election . . .	10 00
F. Atkinson, clerk " " " " . . .	10 00

## TOWN OFFICERS.

P. F. Hallinan, Registrar of Voters . . . . .	\$ 75 00
S. A. Sweetland, " " " " " " . . . . .	75 00
W. B. Robinson, " " " " " " . . . . .	75 00
J. McManus, " " " and Clerk . . . . .	100 00
Royal Ellis, Assessor . . . . .	300 00
A. F. Bacon, " " " " " " . . . . .	300 00
David Finn, " " " " " " . . . . .	300 00
J. A. Bean, Overseers of Poor . . . . .	133 33
M. E. Smith, " " " " " " . . . . .	133 33
F. C. Perry, " " " and Clerk . . . . .	183 33
A. A. Kane, Auditor . . . . .	100 00
Wm. Richards, Board of Health . . . . .	66 66
J. H. Wright, " " " " " " . . . . .	66 66
P. R. Manuel, " " " " " " . . . . .	66 66
Edward Clark, Treasurer . . . . .	500 00
James McManus, Clerk, . . . . .	500 00
George E. Bliss, Selectman . . . . .	233 33
Chas. B. Felch, " " " " " " . . . . .	233 33
George N. Cobb, " " " " " " . . . . .	233 33



## SUMMARY.

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Interest.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$12,200 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,252 62
Overdrawn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$52 62</u>

## Existing Liabilities.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,200 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,264 50
Overdrawn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$64 50</u>

## Roads, Bridges, Etc.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$11,000 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,152 51
Overdrawn	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$1,152 51</u>

(See report of Supt. of Streets.)

## Sidewalks and Crosswalks.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$500 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	\$603 90	.	
Due from abutters	.	.	.	.	.	301 95	.	
Share of town	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$301 95
Unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$198 05</u>

## Poor.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$9,000 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14,088 40
Overdrawn apparently	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$5,080 40</u>

(See report of Overseers for partial offsets.)

**Police.**

Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Suppressing illegal sale of liquor . . . . .	700 00
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	\$4,700 00
Expended . . . . .	4,755 00
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Overdrawn . . . . .	\$55 51

**Collection and Abatement of Taxes.**

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,000 00
Expended . . . . .	1,815 35
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Unexpended . . . . .	\$184 65

**Town and Precinct Officers.**

Appropriation . . . . .	\$4,000 00
Expended . . . . .	3,787 98
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Unexpended . . . . .	\$212 02

**Soldiers' Aid.**

Appropriation . . . . .	\$2,500 00
Expended . . . . .	2,881 00
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Overdrawn . . . . .	\$381 00

**Military Aid.**

Appropriation . . . . .	\$300 00
Expended . . . . .	817 50
Due from State . . . . .	\$408.75
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Overdrawn . . . . .	\$108 75

**State Aid.**

Expended . . . . .	\$5,080 00
Due from State . . . . .	5,080 00
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## Soldiers' Graves.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$225 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	225 00

## Lighting Streets, Etc.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4,962 04
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Unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$37 96

### Rent of Town Hall and Offices.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$750 00
Expended . . . . .	750 00

Armory for Co. L.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$225 00
Received from State	.	.	.	.	.	.	175 00
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							\$400 00

### Necessary Town Uses.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,800 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,997 04
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Overdrawn	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$197 04

**New Fence, Eliot Monument.**

Appropriation	.	.	.	,	.	.	\$150 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	107 00
Unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>843 00</u>

New Almshouse.

Appropriation . . . . .	\$10,000 00
Expended, (including fee of architect, R. A. Clink, \$50.00) . . . . .	10,115 62
Overdrawn . . . . .	\$115 62

**Eliot Street Lights—Construction of Line.**

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$600 00
Expended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	350 00
Unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$250 00</u>

**REPORT OF SELECTMEN.**

Organized, March 17, 1896.

George E. Bliss, Chairman.

Charles B. Felch, Clerk.

Voted to hold regular meetings, Thursdays at 7 p. m.

March 26th, appointed John Coleman, Police for Felchville from 7 p. m. until 12 p. m., Natick Centre from 12 p. m. until 5 a. m.: John J. Oakes at South Natick; Patrick Beatty at Centre.

April 2d, William Bean at Centre; Joseph M. Blandin to act as Chief of Police; Richard A. Clink, Supt. of Streets, at \$900.00 per year, and to take all orders in regard to streets from the Chairman of the Board.

April 7th, William Ford to take care of Common at \$50.00 per year.

April 9th, Elijah Page appointed Police for Sundays and extra occasions, as directed by the Chief of Police.

April 16, Daniel J. Barnicle appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures. C. A. Partridge appointed Inspector of Cattle.

April 23d, James D. Sweeney appointed Police Officer for Saturday night and Sunday at South Natick.

April 28th, the following licenses granted for selling intoxicating liquors:

George W. Giddings, Wilson House.

John A. Kelley, Elliot House.

D. D. Sheehan, Central House.

Bisch & Hopff.  
 Simonds Bros.  
 A. H. & H. H. Berry.  
 M. H. O'Rourke.  
 Thomas F. Curran.

The following appointments were made for Engineers of Fire Department:

George M. Foster,  
 Irving E. Brown,  
 John Manuel,  
 William J. Norris,  
 James W. Morse.

May 16th, joint meeting of Selectmen and Sewer Committee to choose a successor to take the place of W. W. Wight, resigned. Harry F. Gibbs chosen.

June 4th, C. A. Partridge, on account of sickness, removed as Cattle Inspector; Walter P. Mayo chosen for the vacancy.

June 25th, notice sent to Supt. of Water Works to remove stand pipe from Washington street, which had been condemned as a nuisance. We supposed that the matter would be referred to the Water Commissioners, but we have understood that the Supt. was a power unto himself and did not refer matters to the Water Commissioners, and we have since been requested by the Water Commissioners to send notice direct to them and they would see that the pipe was removed. Also a hydrant which stands in the sidewalk on the Common at the corner of East Central and South Main streets.

July 23d, charges were preferred by members of the Fire Dept. against J. W. Morse, the substance of which is as follows:

For issuing an order or orders on July 4th to the discharged firemen, without legal cause or legal right so to do, thereby imperilling the property of the Town and the property of its citizens, as well as the lives of hundreds of its citizens and strangers. A full hearing was had upon the charges, Mr. Morse being represented by L. H. Wakefield, the discharged firemen by E. L. McManus, and the Selectmen by H. C. Mulligan.

Sept. 24th, the following letter was sent to James W. Morse:  
 Dear Sir:—

Having written you on the 12th inst. that the Select-



men would be pleased to receive your resignation, and having heard nothing from you since and believing that you have no intention of complying with our request, we hereby remove you from your Office as an Engineer of the Natick Fire Dept., to which you were appointed by this Board on the 28th day of April. You will please turn over to the remaining Engineers of the Natick Fire Dept. whatever property you have in your possession belonging to the Natick Fire Dept. This removal is in consequence of the hearing upon the charges filed by former members of the Fire Dept. against you.

GEORGE E. BLISS,  
CHAS. B. FELCH,  
GEORGE N. COBB.

Jan. 10th. 1897. George E. Bliss, Chairman of this Board, who had been ill for some little time, died. He was a man of exceptionally strong character, willing to always listen to the complaints of any and every person, courteous to all, strictly honest in his dealings with all who came in contact with him, plain and out-spoken in his opinion of person or thing, whose word, once passed, could always be relied upon. At a special meeting of the Board this day, Jan. 10th, the following resolutions were adopted by the remaining members of the Board:

Whereas in the natural course of events, Death has taken from this Town, George E. Bliss, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Natick, in the prime of his manhood, be it resolved by the remaining members of this Board,

That in his death the Town, as well as this Board, has lost a citizen and a member, who was strictly conscientious in the discharge of his duty, firm and unwavering in his opinion, always ready to listen to and give an attentive hearing to any citizen's complaint, however trivial it might be or however humble the individual. A firm believer in the rights of any man, no matter what his position. We deeply feel and regret his death. To the widow in her bereavement, at the loss of a kind and indulgent husband, and his daughter, at her sorrow in the death of a fond father, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

CHAS. B. FELCH,  
GEORGE N. COBB.

We would recommend that the Overseers of the Poor have control of all funds appropriated for the use and support of the poor; that they draw all orders on the Town Treasurer in the expenditure of those funds. Many bills approved by them have come to us to draw orders for, wherein there is no itemized account of goods furnished, and we have hesitated somewhat at drawing them. Such for instance, as to verbal orders, for so much.

The over-draw in the Street Department has been largely due to the misconstruction of the Natick sewer. We have no hesitation in saying that the party who acted as Supt. of Construction was wholly unfit for that purpose, as shown by the manner in which the streets were left after the sewer pipe had been laid in the trench. As witness, the North Main street, between Cochituate street and the railroad bridge.

The Supt. of Streets has been compelled to do some repairing on those streets afterwards, which should have been left in as good a condition as they were when first opened. It has been estimated that it would take nearly five thousand dollars to put the streets back into as good condition as they were formerly

In regard to the enforcement of the liquor law, we gave to the Chief of Police in the Spring instructions to keep our streets free from drunkenness and, although we have not tried to make a record of how few we should arrest, we are glad to say that we have succeeded in keeping our streets freer from drunkenness than any year formerly, whether under license or no-license, and we refer to the report of the Chief of Police as verifying these statements.

We have endeavored to pay all bills that have been contracted under the administration of this Board, so that the incoming Board may be able to use all money appropriated for the year coming upon bills contracted only during that year. We have paid bills to a large amount that should have been paid in 1895, and some even for the year before, not suspecting that they were held back for a purpose, but more on account of the failure of parties to present their bills before the end of the fiscal year. We have departed somewhat from the usual routine in regard to the Police force, which has caused an over-draw there existing.

The celebration of the Fourth of July, which was a credit to this Town, caused a part of that over-draw. Again, we have given each of the officers a week's vacation, without loss of salary, deeming that they were deserving of the same.

We find out upon investigation of adjoining towns that our Police are very much under-paid. The Town of Wellesley paying \$75.00 per month, the Town of Framingham \$2.50 per day, and double pay for extra time.

In accordance with a petition presented to the former Board of Selectmen, we authorized the Electric Light Company to change the lights on West Central street so that now we believe it to be one of the best lighted streets in the Town, and we would suggest that the same system be used on other streets where there are many shade trees. The Town can judge better in regard to its lighting system after hearing the report of the Special Committee appointed at the last annual meeting.

The Town has been very fortunate during this year in having no accidents happen upon its streets for which suits could be brought, or which require any settlement without suit. However, there are several suits pending against the Town on account of the cave-in of the sewerage on South Avenue. Those, we understand, are being looked after by the Insurance Company, which we expect will save the Town from any loss.

The suit of Freeman against the Town, brought for an accident in 1895, has been settled by this board for \$25 and costs, after the same had been pending in the Superior Court for some time.

In the suit of T. J. O'Brien against the Town, a verdict was given against the Town for the amount which was offered to the Town as a basis of settlement. Your Board still believe that, notwithstanding that verdict, the Town ought not to have been liable, as the accident was caused, we claim, by extreme carelessness of Mr. O'Brien.

We would recommend that the Town have a re-valuation of the property, and a good opportunity is given at the present time, as we can find very readily what citizens claim as the value of their property, when touched by the Boston & Albany Railroad in its change of grade crossings. We understand that where the valuation was but ten cents per foot, an award was made by the Railroad Company of \$1 per foot for the land taken, and several

hundred dollars extra was allowed for the privilege taken. We are not believers in the doctrine that to him that hath shall be given and to him that hath not shall be taken away, even that which he hath. We believe that the awards rendered to the small holders, damaged by grade crossings, have been smaller in proportion than this last award mentioned.

There are some cases still pending on account of the change of grade crossings.

CHARLES B. FELCH, } *Selectmen of Natick.*  
 GEORGE N. COBB, }

[Mr. Cobb non-concurring in so much as relates to firemen matters]

## LIST OF JURORS.

To Be Submitted to the Town for Acceptance or  
Revision, March 15, 1897.

Adams, John R.  
Ahern, John J.  
Bartlett, George L.

Beatty, William H.  
Bent, Silas H.  
Brennan, Patrick  
Brannigan, Matthew  
Brown, Edmund H.  
Brown, William H., 1st  
Buckley, Dennis H.  
Buckley, Cornelius E.  
Burns, Timothy W.  
Burks, Charles W.  
Babb, Mark B.  
Bartlett, Oscar T.  
Belger, James E.  
Bowers, Russell E.  
Carroll, Bartholomew J.  
Childs, Edward J.  
Cleland, William F.  
Clink, Richard A.  
Clough, Harry W.  
Coleman, Daniel  
Coleman, John  
Conant, Martin

Lucey, Daniel J.  
Lucy, Fred J.  
Loker, George C.  
Littlefield, Joseph H.  
Mahoney, Daniel  
Mahoney, Daniel A.  
Mahoney, Dennis J.  
Mara, James  
McCordick, William H.  
McGee, Frank  
McGrath, Michael F.  
McManus, Patrick F.  
Meagher, Thomas  
Miles, Alonzo  
Mitchell, Charles A.  
Marriner, George W.  
Maynard, William C.  
McCracken, William  
McCracken, James  
Moran, Bernard F.  
Morse, Howard W.  
McManus, Edward  
McMenomy, Hugh  
Murphy, Patrick J.  
Nute, Edgar  
Nicholson, George



Colbbrn, Henry B.  
 Caswell, Frank P.  
 Danforth, Frank E.  
 Dowd, Edward  
 Davis, Harlan J.  
 Dennis, Henry W.  
 Doyle, Walter,  
 Eaton, Ralph  
 Eldridge, Allen J.  
 Engel, John  
 Finn, Edward H.  
 Finn, William  
 Fiske, John M.  
 Foley, Richard  
 Foskett, Abijah  
 Foley, Jeremiah  
 Fair, William H.  
 Fisher, Weston  
 Griffin, Thomas J.  
 Grady, John H.  
 Goodnow, C. A.  
 Glidden, Howard C.  
 Ginder, William  
 Hall, Charles W.  
 Hall, James W.  
 Healey, Bartholomew J.  
 Hobbs, William J.  
 Harper, A. H.  
 Hardie, Charles S.  
 Harris, Joseph H.  
 Ingalls, George H.  
 Jannison, Charles A.  
 Johnson, William T.  
 Jones, William H.  
 Kimball, George W.  
 Knowlton, George O.  
 King, Patrick H.  
 Kopff, Charles L.  
 Lincoln, Joel F.

Norris, John W.  
 O'Brien, John H.  
 Oakes, John J.  
 O'Neal, Thomas F.  
 O'Donnell, Thomas F.  
 Pepper, Austin  
 Pooke, Charles A.  
 Porter, Frank  
 Pratt, H. E.  
 Powers, John H.  
 Rollins, Seth J.  
 Ryan, Edmond  
 Randall, Mark W.  
 Ray, John L.  
 Rice, Charles E.  
 Ross, Jonathan E.  
 Sutherland, George M.  
 Sheehan, Daniel, 1st.  
 Smith, Milton E.  
 Sheehan, Michael D.  
 Stevens, John A.  
 Sprughen, James J.  
 Sherman Asa E.  
 Smith, Andrew F.  
 Schleicher, George W.  
 Smith, Gustavus  
 Shannon, Luke  
 Sheedy, Edward M.  
 Sweeney, Patrick D.  
 Travis, George W.  
 Thompson, Alonzo A.  
 Underwood, Justin H.  
 Underwood, Alfred B.  
 Willis, Abel J.  
 Walker, Oscar S.  
 Whalen, John B.  
 Welch, Patrick H.  
 Young, James T.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

March 15, 1897.

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### WARRANT.

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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS :

To any constable of the Town of Natick, in said County.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the qualified voters of said town of Natick, to meet at the Town Hall, Clark's block,

**Monday, March 15th, 1897, at 6 A. M.,**

then and there to act on the following articles :—

ARTICLE I To choose by ballot a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART 2. To choose by the Australian system of balloting, the follow officers : One Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, one Auditor, one Highway Surveyor, one Tree Warden, and six Constables, all for one year ; also one Assessor of Taxes, one Overseer of the Poor, one Water Commissioner, two members of the School Committee, and one member of the Board of Health, all for three years ; also one Trustee of the Leonard Morse Hospital for seven years ; also three Sewer Commissioners, one for three years, one

for two years, and one for one year: also one assessor for two years to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Albert F. Bacon: also to answer by the Australian system of balloting, the following question: "Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" For the purposes specified in this article, the poll will be opened immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open continuously till 4.30 p. m., when it may be closed unless the meeting then assembled shall otherwise determine.

ART. 3. To see how much money the Town will grant for interest, existing liabilities and Sinking Funds; for roads, bridges and culverts; for operating the stone crusher; for sidewalks and crosswalks; for assisting and maintaining the poor; for schools, school supplies and furniture; for repairing school houses; for evening schools; for the fire department; for police and watchmen; for support of the Morse Institute; for collection and abatement of taxes; for paying town officers; for paying military aid and assisting poor soldiers, sailors and their families; for decorating soldiers' graves; for lighting streets; for maintenance of the sewerage system; for repairing and improving town property; for rent of town hall and office room for town officers; for suppressing the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors; for necessary town use.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money, temporarily, in anticipation of the taxes for 1897—said money to be payable out of the taxes of said year—and, if so, in what manner and how much.

ART. 5. To see how the Town will have its taxes for 1897 collected, choose a collector of taxes and fix his compensation.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will authorize its Tax Collector for 1897 to use all means for collecting taxes of said year which are delegated to Town Treasurers when appointed to collect the taxes of a town.

ART. 7. To choose one Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will appropriate a further sum of money for the extension of its Sewerage System and authorize the Treasurer to borrow the money so voted.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will adopt a code of By-Laws prepared by the Committee on By-Laws, or otherwise act upon the report of said Committee.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the electric light plant belonging to the Natick Gas & Electric Company, for the purpose of furnishing light for municipal use and for such of its inhabitants as may require and pay for the same, and to take all proper steps necessary to carry out the same, as provided by Chap. 370 of the Acts of 1891, and all other Acts additio al thereto, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to place electric lights in all or any of the following locations: On Grant street: on South Main street, near Rockland; at the intersection of West Central and Speen streets; West Natick; at the corner of Washington avenue, near the old railroad bed; on West Bacon street, Felchville; at the corner of Fisher and Second streets, Nebraska Plain; and grant money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the Town, through the Selectmen, will request the two street railroads to use new patent tank cars with movable sprinkling arms for the purpose of watering the streets along their lines, in partial payment of valuable franchises granted by the Town, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 14. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to investigate methods of electric lighting and as to advisability of making a contract for term of years for street lighting, and to see if the Town will vote to place such con-

tract with the Natick Gas & Electric Company, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$125.00, (voted last year, but not used), for the purpose of marking the graves of Revolutionary Soldiers in Natick.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not exceeding \$75.00, for the purpose of placing headstones at the graves of soldiers in the different cemeteries in Natick.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to pay William Gibbons interest from June 1, 1864, to June 1, 1896, on bounty of \$125.00, for re-enlisting in the field on the quota of Natick; said bounty having been paid from the State Treasury during the year 1896.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will appropriate \$150.00 for placing guide posts and signs where the law directs.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to pay D. J. Ferguson \$250.00, the same being the balance due him for damages on Pitts street, as per vote of the Town, March, 1895.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to pay Mary J. Childs a sum not exceeding \$87.00, for damage done to her fence and lawn by grading West Central street in front of her residence.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to refund to Mrs. Lois A. Judkins the taxes paid by her upon a greenhouse and barn not possessed by her from 1889 to 1895, both inclusive.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to pay Mrs. M. A. Sanborn, not exceeding \$100.00, for damages to her well caused by the construction of the sewer on Pitt and Curve streets

ART. 23. To see if the Town will instruct the Highway Surveyor to have the location of School street, from East street to its southern extremity, and the location of Highland street from Cottage street to School street, fixed and determined by metes and bounds, and change the name of said Highland street to Coolidge street.



ART. 24. To see if the Town will accept Lake street, so called, as laid out and filed, provided no damages are charged by abutters, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will order that specific repairs be made on Woodland street, cost of same to be taken out of the general appropriation for roads, bridges, &c.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will appropriate \$100.00 to put in a pump on Main street near the bridge, for the purpose of furnishing the citizens pure spring water, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 267, Chap. 417, Acts of 1893, the same having reference to the manner of electing Selectmen for three years.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will instruct the Fire Engineers to dispose of the horse known as "Jim," or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will authorize the Highway Surveyor to repair Oakland street and grant mone, for the same, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to have the concrete sidewalk on North Main street extended as far as the square in Felchville, and grant money to pay for same.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectman to hire such parts of the second story of Masonic Block as may be suitable for the offices of all the Town officials, provided the price asked by the Trustees in charge shall be found to be reasonable and satisfactory.

ART. 32. To see if the Town will instruct the Engineers of the Natick Fire Department not to draw any order or orders for James W. Morse for salary that he may claim as due since Sept. 28, the date of his discharge as an Engineer of the Natick Fire Department, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to lay pipes in certain cases where in their

judgment it is for the interest of the Town so to do, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow not exceeding \$2,000.00 for that purpose.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to establish a uniform water rate per 1000 gallons in all cases where meters are attached to a water service excepting manufacturers, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to establish and determine a rate to be paid the Water Department for the use of fire hydrants and for water to sprinkle the streets and for water for street fountains, or otherwise act thereon.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipes on Worcester street from corner of Prospect street about 1000 feet easterly to land of R. Montgomery, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money sufficient to pay for same.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipes as follows: Nelson street to High street, Reynolds Avenue to Forest Avenue, Forest Avenue to Curve street and to connect the present main on Curve street, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay for the same.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipes on Speen street as far as the house of Frank W. Haws, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money sufficient to pay for same.

ART. 39. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to extend the water pipes on the following streets: On Bacon street from W. W. Wight's to Walnut street, on Worcester street from J. M. Brown's to N. Main street, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money sufficient to pay for same.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will instruct the Water Commissioners to lay a new force main from May's corner to the reservoir, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money sufficient to pay for same.

ART. 41. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will grant for prospecting for additional water supply.

ART. 42. To see what action the Town will take to care for the surface water that flows from Water street, (Felchville) on to the land of Benjamin B. Miller.

ART. 43. To see if the Town will vote to lay a concrete walk on the north side of North avenue from N. Main street to Florence street and from Tibbetts street to Marion street and grant money to pay for same.

ART. 44. To see if the Town will vote to pay for Concert Hall one night this year and grant the Fire Department the free use of said hall for that night.

ART. 45. To see how much money the Town will grant for keeping wound and in repair the clocks on the Cong e-gational Church, Natick, and on the Unitarian Church, South Natick.

ART. 49. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, by themselves or through legal counsel, to defend the Town of Natick in legal proceedings or suits brought against said Town.

ART. 47. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money, temporarily, to pay damage caused by the separation of grade crossings in anticipation of money to be furnished for that purpose by the Commonwealth.

ART. 48. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to furnish the new Almshouse, and for other necessary expenses in connection therewith.

ART. 49. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water pipe from Everett street on Cottage street to the house of Wm. C. Davis, and appropriate the necessary amount of money to pay the expense of the same.

ART. 50. To act on the report of the various Town officers as printed, and to hear and act on the report of all committees chosen on Town affairs, and to choose all neces-

sary committees for the ensuing year. Also to choose fence viewers and field drivers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof at the Post-offices in Natick and South Natick, and at street entrance to Town Hall, Natick, seven days at least before said March 15th, 1897; also by causing a true and attested copy of said Warrant to be published in the "Natick Bulletin" once before said day of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before said day appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of March A. D., 1897.

CHARLES B. FELCH,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Natick.</i>
GEORGE N. COBB,	

A true copy—attest:

GEORGE NUTT,  
*Constable of Natick.*

## ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1896

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Amount of Town Appropriation, . . . . .	\$108,108 75
Tax levied by the State, . . . . .	3,990 00
Tax levied by the County, . . . . .	5,723 46
Abolition grade crossings, . . . . .	3,567 56
Non-resident bank tax, . . . . .	552 28
Overlayings, . . . . .	305 59
Oct. and Dec. 15th assessments, . . . . .	267 36
	<hr/> \$122,515 00

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### VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Real Estate, . . . . .	\$4,698,575 00
Personal Estate, . . . . .	948,525 00
	<hr/> \$5,647,100 00
Number of Polls (2832), . . . . .	\$ 5,664 00
Tax on real estate, . . . . .	86,453 78
Tax on personal estate, . . . . .	16,900 58
Non-resident bank tax, . . . . .	552 28
Anticipated bank and corporation tax, . . . . .	4,500 00
Dec. 15th assessment, (estate), . . . . .	191 36
Town received for liquor licenses, . . . . .	8,253 00
	<hr/> \$122,515 00

Tax rate, \$18.40 per \$1000.

Amount committed to Collector, \$109,762.00.

Committed since last report on 1895 tax, \$72.

DAVID FINN,	}	<i>Assessors</i>
ALBERT F. BACON,		<i>of</i>
ROYAL ELLIS,		<i>Natick.</i>

Approved,  
ALEXANDER A. KANE, *Auditor.*



## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1889.

DR.

Uncollected March 4, 1896 . . .	\$100 00	
Interest collected since March 4, 1896 .	3 24	\$103 24

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$10 80	
Uncollected . . . . .	92 44	\$103 24

1890.

DR.

Uncollected March 4, 1896 . . .	\$141 22	\$141 22
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CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$45 41	
Uncollected . . . . .	95 81	\$141 22

1891.

DR.

Uncollected March 4, 1896 . . .	\$186 00	
Interest collected since March 4, 1896 .	1 20	\$187 20

CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$25 50	
Uncollected . . . . .	161 70	\$187 20

1892.

DR.

Uncollected March 4, 1896 . . .	\$1,112 94	
Interest collected since March 4, 1896 .	9 57	\$1,122 51

## CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$167 33	
Uncollected . . . . .	955 18	\$1,122 51

1893.

## DR.

Uncollected March 4, 1896 . . . . .	\$2,265 97	
Interest collected since March 4, 1896 .	261 40	\$2,527 37

## CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$1,538 93	
Uncollected . . . . .	988 44	\$2,527 37

1894.

## DR.

Uncollected March 4, 1896 . . . . .	\$15,314 92	
Interest collected since March 4, 1896 .	1,137 37	\$16,452 29

## CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$13,700 14	
Uncollected . . . . .	2,752 15	\$16,452 29

1895.

## DR.

Uncollected March 4, 1896 . . . . .	\$30,444 80	
Committed since last report . . . . .	72 00	
Interest collected since March 4, 1896 .	531 22	\$31,048 02

## CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$15,177 53	
Uncollected . . . . .	15,870 49	\$31,048 02

1896.

## DR.

Committed for collection . . . . .	\$109,762 00	
Interest collected . . . . .	74 48	\$109,836 48

## CR.

Paid Edward Clark, Town Treasurer .	\$72,961 08	
Uncollected . . . . .	36,875 40	\$109,836 48

As a lien on real estate	.	.	\$45,221	96	
Personal	.	.	.	.	6,612 71
Poll	.	.	.	.	5,956 94
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Total amount uncollected	.	.	\$57,791	61	
Interest due March 1, 1897	.	.	2,678	21	
Abatements for 1890, '91, '92, '93, '94,					
'95, '96	.	.	.	.	1,315 35

CHARLES P. CURRIER,

*Collector.*

Approved—

ALEXANDER A. KANE, *Auditor.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :*

Gentlemen : I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Streets for the years 1896 and 1897.

I have received and expended the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and eighty-three dollars and forty-one cents (\$7,983.41) and I append an itemized account of the same.

### AMOUNT PAID FOR LABOR.

Ahearn John . . . . .	\$124 56
Alger Charles . . . . .	168 00
Bowers James N. . . . .	354 00
Barlow Thomas . . . . .	155 59
Brigham Mathias . . . . .	27 50
Brannagan Patrick . . . . .	4 89
Brannagan Edward . . . . .	4 00
Brown James . . . . .	4 00
Breeze John . . . . .	15 50
Barnicle Patrick . . . . .	3 55
Byers Hugh . . . . .	2 89
Brady Patrick . . . . .	4 22
Brady Michael . . . . .	4 00
Collins Martin . . . . .	3 78
Cram Edward . . . . .	103 66
Colburn Everett . . . . .	38 00
Clink Richard A. . . . .	900 00
Drake Louis A. . . . .	706 22
Donovan Daniel . . . . .	6 00
Donovan Richard . . . . .	322 24

Donovan James . . . . .	217 67
Donovan Edward . . . . .	2 00
Day James . . . . .	105 22
Delaney Michael . . . . .	2 00
Doherty Thomas . . . . .	2 00
Foy Michael . . . . .	115 44
Flynn Patrick . . . . .	343 00
Goddard Edward . . . . .	111 40
Golden Thomas . . . . .	5 44
Glynn James . . . . .	3 55
Haggerty William T. . . . .	10 78
Hall Milton E. . . . .	6 00
Keating Patrick . . . . .	356 76
Leary Daniel . . . . .	160 56
Langley Horace . . . . .	1 32
Maloney James . . . . .	130 06
McGee Francis . . . . .	327 69
McKenzie Alexander . . . . .	130 00
McKenny Charles . . . . .	10 00
McGordie Fred . . . . .	70 22
Myers Adolph . . . . .	113 83
Mullen Patrick . . . . .	30 00
McGrath Richard . . . . .	8 00
Manning Michael J. . . . .	711 00
McKenney Wm. . . . .	12 45
Murphy Thomas . . . . .	6 00
Manning John . . . . .	3 78
Mullin Michael . . . . .	3 78
Meagher John . . . . .	3 78
Murray Thomas . . . . .	4 44
Moran Dennis . . . . .	1 32
Mahoney Jerry . . . . .	3 55
Nyland Thomas . . . . .	3 55
Oaks Wm. J. . . . .	488 43
O'Rourke John . . . . .	290 32
Rowan Thomas . . . . .	2 00
Sproul Richard W. . . . .	714 00
Shamin James J. . . . .	46 00
Shaunon Luke . . . . .	28 67



Slamin James	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sedgwick John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sullivan Dennis	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 22
Tibbets Charles S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
Welch Michael	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 99
Yeager Lawrence	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	411 00
Yeager, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 89
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Total amount paid for labor	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$7,983 71
Total amount drawn for labor	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,983 71

R. A. CLINK, *Superintendent.*

Approved—

ALEXANDER A. KANE, *Auditor.*

### STREETS RESURFACED.

Feeling that there is a demand on the part of the citizens of the town as to where the work has been done, I have appended a list of the streets where any considerable amount of work has been done :

STREET.	MATERIAL.	LENGTH.	WIDTH.
North Main	Crushed Stone	204	30
" "	Gravel	1,175	28
" "	"	2,850	28
Winter	"	200	15
Bogle	"	1,500	16
Bacon	"	1,800	18
Cochituate	"	450	20
Washington avenue	"	422	19
West Central	"	375	30
Pond	"	975	19
Pond	"	520	21
Pearl	"	640	20
East Central	Crushed Stone	610	27
South avenue	Gravel	485	31
Morse	"	130	18
Church	"	375	18
Common	"	635	25
Pleasant, Felchville	"	750	12

STREET.	MATERIAL.	LENGTH.	WIDTH.
Curve	Gravel	186	10
Glen	"	895	12
Eliot	"	279	12
South	"	1,896	10
Everett	"	225	14
Woodland	"	1,200	8
Pegan lane	"	100	10
Pleasant, South Natick	"	3,335	12
W. Central, West Part	Crushed Stone	1,320	20

The above represents 47,617 square yards of gravel surfacing and 6,100 square yards of macadam.

### STEAM ROLLER.

The Steam Road Roller, assigned to the use of this Town by the County Commissioners upon the petition of your Honorable Board, has been employed for about two months, under the law governing the matter. The County Commissioners employed Matthias Brigham as engineer of the same. The cost of running is about \$4.10 per day. There is no doubt as to the desirability of the Town's retaining it, and to show the difference in cost as between the work of the roller and that done by hand, I will state that, what cost in 1895,  $\$.08\frac{1}{4}$  per yard to pick and roll with horses, this year with Steam Roller cost  $\frac{7}{10}$  of a cent per yard.

Some steps should be taken to furnish some place to house the machine, as the Town is now paying \$5 a month for use of building.

### WIRES IN TREES.

Acting under the order of your Honorable Board on June 10, I issued orders that all wires be removed from the trees on Pond. West Central and Walnut streets, and thirty days were allowed in which to comply. Locations were assigned to the companies for the poles, but for some reason or other best known to your Honorable Board, the order of June 10th was rescinded by you before anything was accomplished by this department.

The wires are still in the trees and their condition is not conducive to the preservation of the trees.

### STONE CRUSHER.

As a matter of economy the Town should sell the boiler and engine, exchange the 9x15 stationery crusher for a 7x10 portable, by which in conjunction with the steam roller, stone could be crushed in any part of the town, thereby saving the cost of cartage, an item which forms the major part of the cost of road construction. As a matter of fact the care of all roads in the district bounded by So. Main, Everett, Eliot and East Central streets would cost no more with crushed stone treatment than gravel, owing to the fact that stone of desirable quality is close at hand in abundance.

### BILLS RECEIVABLE.

I here give an account of bills due this department:

W. C. Lyford, manure . . . . .	\$35 00
James Murray, street scraping . . . . .	1 25
Natick and Cochituate Street R. R., use of stone crusher . . . . .	36 30
C. E. Moody, gravel . . . . .	2 50
Martin Kennedy, street scraping . . . . .	6 00
Mrs. Howard, street scraping . . . . .	5 00
Natick Water Works, care of horse . . . . .	3 34
D. D. Sheehan, manure . . . . .	15 00
J. Naphin, gravel . . . . .	10 00
French Bros., gravel . . . . .	10 00
Loker Bros., street scraping . . . . .	5 14
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	\$129 53

The above bills may be paid to the Town Treasurer.

I would take this occasion to thank your Honorable Board for the many courtesies extended to me during the year; also to call your attention to the public spiritedness exhibited by Mr. Edmund M. Wood from whom this department has received free of cost during the past two years 2,400 loads of gravel for use upon the highways.

RICHARD A. CLINK,  
*Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Amount paid for support of poor out of almshouse, not including insane		\$6,334 15
Received from other cities and towns	1,226 20	
Received from C. W. Dean	65 00	
Received from M. Mathews	10 00	
Received from Mr. Glidden	1 50	
Received from others	15 00	
Due from other cities and town	765 95	
Due from State	590 57	2,674 22
Net cost of outside poor		4,359 93
Paid for outside poor having settlement in Natick	4,453 10	
Paid for outside poor having settlement elsewhere	1,881 05	\$6,334 15
Paid for insane		4,063 75
Received from guardian S. A. Coolidge	45 00	
Received from S. Bowker	80 00	
Received from others	50 15	\$175 15
Net cost of insane		\$3,888 60
Cost of insane in year 1895		4,007 42
Decrease		\$118 82
Paid for support of poor in almshouse		\$3,570 21
Cash paid by Warden to Town Treasurer for produce sold, including wood	\$665 25	
Cash from P. Walsh	24 00	

Due from soldiers' aid . . . . .	46 25	
Due account wood and milk . . . . .	61 50	\$797 00
Net cost of poor in almshouse . . . . .		<u>\$2,773 21</u>

### RECAPITULATION.

Net cost of outside poor . . . . .	\$4,359 93
Net cost of insane . . . . .	3,888 60
Net cost of almshouse . . . . .	<u>2,773 21</u>
Total . . . . .	\$11,021 74
Appropriation . . . . .	<u>9,000 00</u>
Overdrawn . . . . .	\$2,021 74
Net cost of poor in all departments . . . . .	11,021 74
Amount paid for poor having settlement elsewhere . . . . .	<u>1,881 05</u>
Net cost of poor having settlement in Natick . . . . .	\$9,140 69
Appraisal of stock at Town Farm in 1897 . . . . .	3,916 70
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1896 . . . . .	<u>3,890 50</u>
Increase . . . . .	\$26 20
Gross amount paid for poor in all departments, '96 . . . . .	14,080 40
Gross amount paid for poor in all departments, '95 . . . . .	<u>13,778 31</u>
Increase in 1896 . . . . .	\$302 09
Total number of inmates registered at almshouse during the year . . . . .	34
Present number . . . . .	22
Number of weeks board . . . . .	901
Number of tramps lodged and fed during the year . . . . .	987

### Name of Persons who are or have been Inmates of the Almshouse During the Year.

Peter Kennedy . . . . .	52 weeks
Lizzie Bradley . . . . .	52 “
Charles Braceland . . . . .	52 “
Jas. P. Gilbert . . . . .	35 “
Ernest Monroe . . . . .	17 “



Patrick Campbell . . . . .	12 weeks
Mary White . . . . .	8 "
Winifred Hoey . . . . .	3 "
Emily Williams . . . . .	1 "
Thos. Ahern . . . . .	37 "
Thos. Glennon . . . . .	1 "
Michael Mehan . . . . .	3 "
Maud Cobb and infant . . . . .	9 "
Bertie Northrop . . . . .	1 "
Thos. Kennedy . . . . .	1 "
Patrick Welch . . . . .	5 "
Charles Withee . . . . .	4 "
Mrs. Margaret Gay . . . . .	32 "
Mrs. John Bartz . . . . .	52 "
Catherine Gray . . . . .	52 "
Abbott Perry . . . . .	8 "
Patrick J. Ahern . . . . .	20 "
William Hurley . . . . .	52 "
James Fair . . . . .	34 "
Peter Moran . . . . .	17 "
Michael Mahoney . . . . .	32 "
James Bradley . . . . .	52 "
Joseph Muldowney, died May 3, 1896 . . . . .	9 "
Michael Laughlin . . . . .	52 "
Margaret Riley . . . . .	52 "
Maria E. Jewett, died Oct. 14, 1896 . . . . .	32 "
David Byers . . . . .	8 "
Patrick Fahey . . . . .	52 "
John McKenney . . . . .	52 "

Names of persons having a settlement in Natick, who have been supported during the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, at Worcester Lunatic Hospital, Westboro Insane Hospital, Dipsomania Hospital, Medfield, State Almshouse, Tewksbury and elsewhere.

Bridget Tobin, died May 1, 1896, at Worcester . . . . .	\$ 58 44
Lavander A. Smith, at Worcester . . . . .	169 92
Lizzie A. Garfield, at Worcester . . . . .	169 92
Fred W. Crowley, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Frank C. Bates, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36

Richard F. Gregg, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Millard W. Perry, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Peter Peradeau, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Mary O'Brien, at Worcester . . . . .	105 85
Anthony McGann, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Sarah E. Bowker, at Worcester . . . . .	169 92
Joseph B. Franklin, died Oct. 29, 1886, State Farm	121 20
Thos. H. Gavin, at Worcester . . . . .	14 94
Bridget Coveney, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Mary A. Dolan, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Stephen J. Beatty, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Mary E. Towne, at Worcester . . . . .	149 96
Mary E. Morse, at Westboro . . . . .	86 82
William Connelly, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
William M. Heinlein, at Worcester . . . . .	95 27
Sarah A. Coolidge, boarded out . . . . .	169 92
John H. Sullivan, boarded out . . . . .	169 92
Mary Mahar, at State Almshouse . . . . .	146 40
Mary A. Black, died Dec. 15, 1896 . . . . .	140 00
Charles P. Sanger, at Mass. Hospital for Dip- somania . . . . .	31 11
Payson Perry, at Westboro . . . . .	158 64
Mary C. Houghton, at Medfield . . . . .	156 36
Annie Burke, Hospital Cot. for Children . . . . .	168 98
Other inmates whose relatives paid expenses through Overseers of Poor, at Worcester . . . . .	50 15

**Names of Persons Settled in Natick Who Have Been  
Aided Here During the Year.**

Edgar W. Pierce . . . . .	12 15
Mrs. William H. Ryan . . . . .	40 82
Mrs. William Hilliar . . . . .	247 64
Mrs. Christopher Cooper . . . . .	198 09
Mrs. John Mitchell . . . . .	3 25
Mrs. James Shea . . . . .	145 95
Mrs. E. S. Howe . . . . .	81 00
Mrs. Timothy Murphy . . . . .	106 28
Bridget McNichols . . . . .	111 61
Mary McCue . . . . .	1 70

Mary Bisch . . . . .	155 77
Isaac M. Peiry . . . . .	89 55
Ellen Naphen . . . . .	60 06
Mrs. E. M. Davis . . . . .	92 23
Mrs. Michael Casey . . . . .	55 00
Mrs. Silas Coose . . . . .	46 00
Herman Guswinder . . . . .	48 00
Mrs. Millard Perry . . . . .	58 25
Mrs. John Noonan . . . . .	2 00
Mrs. H. T. Hildreth . . . . .	81 54
Mrs. Joseph Gildea . . . . .	228 49
Mrs. Minnie J. Meade . . . . .	56 60
Mrs. Dennis J. Murphy . . . . .	188 87
Mrs. Jeremiah Danehy . . . . .	30 00
George Kendall . . . . .	180 28
Mrs. Wm. Dowling . . . . .	13 70
Child of Bernard Heinlein . . . . .	66 00
Betsy Maher . . . . .	48 00
John Towne . . . . .	121 57
Mrs P. Daley . . . . .	60 00
Patrick Hickey . . . . .	60 00
Children of William Doyle . . . . .	11 82
Mrs. C. H. Taylor . . . . .	170 66
Cyrill Moore . . . . .	9 00
Mrs. James Brady . . . . .	10 00
Children of Lizzie Murphy . . . . .	6 00
Henry Parker . . . . .	2 00
Henry Hughes . . . . .	77 50
Richard Hoey . . . . .	27 75
Mary Kehoe . . . . .	3 82
Charles Tibberts . . . . .	55 50
John Downs . . . . .	2 60
G. Morrison . . . . .	20 64
Mrs. J. H. O'Brien . . . . .	8 82
Mrs. C. Damon . . . . .	3 00
Mrs. M. White . . . . .	17 17
H. Moore . . . . .	7 64
W. Ernest . . . . .	9 95
Mrs. terry Mahoney . . . . .	4 00

F. W. Young . . . . .	9 38
Mrs. C. Griffin . . . . .	2 30
Helen Gray . . . . .	15 46
G. H. Williams . . . . .	5 75
Carrie A. Wyatt . . . . .	36 28
A. Myers . . . . .	25
M. Omer . . . . .	6 50
Funeral expenses which have been refunded to town	15 00

**Names of Persons Having a Settlement in Natick, but  
Living and Aided in Other Cities and Towns.**

Mrs. Oscar E. Mann, Marlboro . . . . .	116 15
Mary Millerick, Cambridge . . . . .	16 00
Ellen Cartwright, Framingham . . . . .	49 20
Mary Moran, Boston . . . . .	37 50
Sewell Parmenter, Wendell . . . . .	80 00
Ella Witherell, Lowell . . . . .	60 00
Hattie Loker, Wayland . . . . .	95 96
Henry W. Dean, Wayland . . . . .	169 96
Fred Ellis, Wayland . . . . .	37 44
Chauncy Smith, Gardner . . . . .	24 25
Charles M. Emery, Milford . . . . .	150 85
Frank Brown, Whitman . . . . .	21 50
Mrs. Israel Daggs, Bradford . . . . .	337 40

**Names of Persons Aided in Natick, but Settled in Other  
Cities and Towns.**

Timothy Hagerty, Wakefield . . . . .	173 00
Mrs. Charles Hatch, East Bridgewater . . . . .	139 00
L. Shaughnessy, Ashland . . . . .	10 00
Mrs. M. E. Welch, Framingham . . . . .	58 75
Mrs. Sarah J. Gould, Beverly . . . . .	128 00
Annie Hammond, Gloucester . . . . .	120 00
Lucy Nichols, North Reading . . . . .	39 00
Joseph Robinson, Framingham . . . . .	287 42
Isaac Whittemore, Hubbardson . . . . .	82 41
James H. Handy, Attleboro . . . . .	28 00
Ella A. Holbrook, Sherborn . . . . .	85

James H Bradford, Hopkinton . . . . .	3 00
Alfred Hyde, Newton . . . . .	139 35
William P. Fiske, Milford . . . . .	9 25
George O'Donnell, Milford . . . . .	32 44
Mrs. J. Coombs, state . . . . .	17 70
A. Delanger, state . . . . .	1 70
G. W. Norcross, Watertown . . . . .	39 95
Mary Murtagh, state . . . . .	3 00
John McCarron, state . . . . .	51 95
Terrence Garvin, state . . . . .	208 03
Frank Johnson, state . . . . .	166 70
Mrs. Charles Gaines, Medway . . . . .	26 50
Edward Rivers, Spencer . . . . .	4 12
Thomas Hayes, Georgetown . . . . .	1 40
D. B. Saunders, Sherborn . . . . .	45 93
Mrs. M. McNamee, Sandwich . . . . .	31 50
Otis Clough, Charlton . . . . .	15 25
Edward Knowlton, Hopkinton . . . . .	16 35
Bert Knowlton, Hopkinton . . . . .	50

#### FUNDS.

Sally Spaulding Fund for female inmates of Alms- house . . . . .	\$934 74
J. B. Walcott Fund, 40 shares C., B. & Q. R. R. stock, market value March 2, 1896 . . . . .	3,040 00
Interest deposited in Natick Five Cent Savings Bank . . . . .	957 72

#### REMARKS OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The recommendations of the Board of one year ago in regard to a new almshouse and the extension of the water pipes to the Town Farm have been carried out as voted by the Town, and we feel that in the coming years the wisdom of this work will be manifest in greater economy to the town in caring for the poor.

Th number of inmates has greatly increased this year, thirty-four having been registered. At present there are sixteen men and six women. Many of them are old and able to do little, or no work. The average age of the present inmates is about sixty years. Two inmates have died during the year.



We shall move into the new building as soon as possible. Some new furnishings will be needed, and we would recommend an appropriation of \$400 for this purpose.

There is considerable grading to be done around the new building. Part of this is to be done by the contractors, and is provided for; the balance can be done by the inmates.

We would recommend that the old house be used for some of those families for whom we are now paying rent. The expense of making the necessary changes will be quite small.

The Tramp nuisance became so great that early last fall the Board decided to take advantage of the Tramp law and discontinue providing for them. The result has been very satisfactory.

The general conditions of the farm under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Pearse have been kept fully up to the standard.

Three cows and one horse have been purchased at an expense of \$227.00, which was charged to inside poor. Also \$388.80 for insurance on both the old and new buildings was charged to the same account; this has made our expense for inside poor larger this year than usual. Were it not for these unusual expenses we would be able to show a good saving over previous years.

The barn will need some repairs before long; the sills are badly decayed, and the whole building should be raised about two feet, but in view of the great expense already incurred, we feel it is better to make some temporary repairs, which will bridge over, till some future time, the larger repairs needed.

MILTON E. SMITH,	} Overseers
JOSIAH A. BEAN,	
FRANCIS C. PERRY,	
	of
	Poor.

## REPORT OF TOWN PHYSICIAN.

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### *To the Overseers of the Poor:*

House calls made during the year,	343
Calls at the almshouse,	45
Calls at the office,	56

It will be seen from the above that the number of calls is considerably in excess of any previous year. While there has been an increased amount of sickness among the outside poor, I have but two deaths to report, viz:

Adolph Mayer, who died of heart disease.

Richard Hoye, who died of heart disease, following acute rheumatism.

There have been two deaths at the almshouse, Maria Jewett of paralysis and Joseph Muldowney of consumption.

The general condition of the inmates is about the same as at my last report.

With the house filled to overflowing and composed largely of persons far advanced in years, we have to expect that the various infirmities consequent upon age will demand considerable attention.

The occupancy of the new house is looked forward to with commendable satisfaction. Fitted up as it is to answer the most rigid requirements of the law, you can well challenge a comparison with any like institution in the Commonwealth.

WM. RICHARDS, M. D.,  
Town Physician.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW ALMSHOUSE.

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The committee on the construction of the new almshouse have attended to that duty and submit the following report :

After visiting several institutions in the state, and getting a general knowledge of the plan best suited to our needs, we secured for a nominal price the services of Richard A. Clink, who made the plans and supervised the construction of the building. Mr. E. T. Wilson was awarded the contract, and we believe the town has received good value for the money expended.

The building is so planned that the male inmates will occupy the north wing, and the female inmates the south wing, the warden occupying the centre.

There are, including storage and bath rooms, fifteen rooms in each wing ; the warden's apartments contain eight rooms including bath room, main dining hall and office ; in the basement are the kitchen, laundry and dry room ; also a large refrigerator adjoining the kitchen. Two rooms are finished in the third story for hospital purposes.

The building is finished in the interior with whitewood throughout, is heated by steam, and has a stand pipe with coupling for hose at each floor for use in case of fire.

During the construction of the building, the committee deemed it advisable to make some changes in the plans, and by so doing we were obliged to exceed the appropriation a small amount.

The committee have charged nothing for their services, and the cost of the building, except the stand pipe for fire purposes, is \$10,065.62.

The house was turned over to the committee Feb. 15, and was



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opened for public inspection Feb, 22, when it was visited by several hundred people.

Contract price . . . . .	\$ 9,901 00
Extras for changes and additions . . . . .	164 62
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Total . . . . .	\$10,065 62
Appropriation . . . . .	\$10,000 00
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Overdrawn . . . . .	65 62

MILTON E. SMITH,  
 F. C. PERRY,  
 J. A. BEAN,  
 WM. RICHARDS, M. D.,  
 BERNARD McMANUS,  
 W. R. BIGELOW,  
 IRVING E. GLIDDEN,

Committee.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

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The committee appointed by the town to draft a new code of By-Laws present the following :

### BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF NATICK.

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#### Town Meetings.

SECTION 1. All warrants for town meetings shall be served by posting attested copies of the same in each of the post-offices and in not less than five other public places in said town, and by printing a like attested copy in at least one newspaper published in said town ; said posting shall be at least seven days and said publication shall be at least two days before the day appointed for said meeting.

SECT. 2. The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Monday of March in each year.

SECT. 3. The presiding officer, while occupying that position, shall not participate in any discussion before the meeting over which he is chosen to preside.

SECT. 4. No person shall speak more than twice upon any one question or subject before the meeting, except for the correction of an error or to make an explanation, without first obtaining the consent of the meeting so to do, and not until others who have not spoken upon the question, shall speak, if they desire.

SECT. 5. All motions offered for the consideration of the meeting shall be in writing, if so required by the presiding officer ; and all motions involving the expenditure of



money shall be in writing when so required by any legal voter.

SECT. 6. No vote fixing the time for closing a ballot shall be reconsidered after such ballot shall have commenced ; but such time may be extended by vote without such reconsideration.

SECT. 7. All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer of the meeting, unless otherwise ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting.

SECT. 8. No article in any warrant shall be taken up and considered out of its order, except by a vote of the meeting.

SECT. 9. When a question is under debate, motions shall be received to adjourn, to lay on the table, the previous question, to postpone to a certain time, to postpone indefinitely, to commit, or to amend ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are herein arranged.

SECT. 10. No vote shall be reconsidered except upon a motion made within one hour after such vote has passed, unless such reconsideration is ordered by a vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting.

SECT. 11. The powers and duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by law, nor by the foregoing rules, shall be determined by the rules of parliamentary law, as laid down in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are applicable to town meetings.

### **Finances,**

SECT. 12. The financial year shall begin with the first day of February in each year and shall end with the last day of January in each year.

SECT. 13. Unless otherwise provided by law, no money shall be paid from the treasury, except for state and county taxes and for notes and interest thereon, without a warrant

or order therefor, signed by a majority of the Selectmen ; except that the School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Water Commissioners, Sewer Commissioners and Board of Fire Engineers, shall have authority to draw orders upon the Treasurer for expenditures in their respective departments. Every order for the payment of money shall designate the appropriation against which the same is drawn, and no order shall be drawn in excess of such appropriation.

SECT. 14. All unexpended balances of appropriations at the end of each financial year shall be turned back into the treasury, unless in any case it is otherwise voted by the town.

### **Taxes.**

SECT. 15. The assessment of taxes in any year shall be completed and the tax list and warrants shall be delivered to the Collector on or before the fifteenth day of July.

SECT. 16. All taxes shall become due and be payable on the first day of September in each year ; and for all taxes remaining unpaid after November first following their assessment, the Collector shall issue his summons to every such delinquent tax-payer with costs ; and if the tax is not paid on or before the first day of December following said first day of November, six per cent. per annum shall be charged and collected upon such taxes after said first day of December to time of payment, as interest thereon. Provided, however, no real estate shall be sold for non payment of taxes before the first day of February next following the assessment thereof. All taxes upon real estate remaining unpaid on said first day of February, the Collector shall proceed to collect by sale or otherwise and shall complete his collections or make sale of such estates on or before the first day of May following the assessment thereof. The Collector shall have and possess all the authority, powers, and privileges delegated to Town Treasurers when they are made Collectors of Taxes.

### **Committee on Appropriations.**

SECT. 17. The Selectmen, the chairmen of the Boards of Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Sewer Commissioners and Fire Engineers, together with twelve other citizens to be appointed annually by the Selectmen, shall constitute a Committee on Appropriations. Said Committee shall meet on or before the first Monday of February in each year to consider and recommend such appropriations as in their judgment should be made by the town at its next annual meeting. They shall give at least one public hearing and shall receive and act upon all requests for appropriations which shall be made to them in writing by any citizen of the town.

### **Reports.**

SECT. 18. The reports of the Town Officers, including the report of the Committee on Appropriations, shall be printed annually in one volume by the Selectmen and shall be ready for distribution at or before the annual meeting in each year.

### **Actions-at-Law.**

SECT. 19. The Selectmen shall have full authority to employ counsel to appear and defend the town in suits brought against it, and in legal proceedings involving its rights and interests.

### **Truants.**

SECT. 20. Children between the ages of seven and fifteen years who are habitual truants, or who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, and such children as persistently violate the reasonable rules and regulations of the public schools, shall upon conviction thereof be committed to the Middlesex County Truant School at Chelmsford, and shall

there be confined and receive discipline and instruction for such time, not exceeding two years, as the Justice, or Court having jurisdiction may determine.

### **Care of Sidewalks.**

SECT. 21. No owner or tenant of an estate abutting upon brick, concrete, or other curbed or finished sidewalk, shall place or suffer to remain for more than five hours between sunrise and sunset, any snow upon such sidewalk, nor any ice upon said sidewalk unless such ice is made even and covered with sand, sawdust or ashes to prevent slipping. Such snow and ice may be removed from the sidewalk to the street, provided, however, the same is made even at the time of removal. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall forfeit to the town of Natick the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered in an action of tort in the name of the town. Whenever the party, or parties, whose duty it is to remove such snow or ice in accordance with this section, shall neglect to do so for the period named, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Streets to cause the same to be removed and to enforce the forfeiture herein provided.

### **Police Regulations.**

SECT. 22. No person shall be or remain upon any sidewalk, or upon any structure adjacent to any sidewalk or about door-ways or places of business, in such manner as to obstruct, annoy, or disturb any person.

SECT. 23. No person shall by rude, indecent, or disorderly conduct, or by the use of profane, indecent, or insulting language in any public way or place, annoy or disturb any person peaceably being or passing therein.

SECT. 24. No person shall make any bon-fire or other fire, or kick foot-ball or play at ball, or throw stones or snow-balls, or other missiles, in any public street or place.

SECT. 25. No person shall drive, draw, or propel any

cart, wagon, or other vehicle, except children's hand carriages, upon any foot-path or sidewalk in the town.

SECT. 26. No person shall hitch any horse to any ornamental or shade tree in any street or public place in said town, or to the boxing or guard about said tree.

SECT. 27. No person shall drive or cause or suffer to be driven, any horse or horses in any street in said town, at a rate of speed exceeding eight miles per hour, nor in such manner as to endanger or unreasonably incommode travellers therein.

SECT. 28. No person shall be allowed to throw any poster, handbill, flyer or advertising sheet around the public streets or parks nor to place any poster or printed device on any building, fence, bill-board or pole standing within the limits of a public street or sidewalk without first getting written permission from the Selectmen; nor shall any person affix any bill, placard or poster or make any words, figures or devices upon any property in the town not his own without first obtaining the consent of the owner or occupant thereof.

SECT. 29. No person shall sell, except in accordance with a permit from the Selectment, any goods or article from any vehicle or temporary stand in any street in said town to any person on the street.

SECT. 30. Coasting on any of the public streets of the town is prohibited except upon such streets as the Selectmen may designate each year by public notice.

SECT. 30. No person shall, except in the performance of a legal duty, discharge any firearm in a street, square or other public place within the town without a special license thereto under proper conditions being granted by the Selectmen.

### **Penalty.**

SECT. 32. Whoever violates any of the provisions or requirements of the Police Regulations which are contained



in sections numbered consecutively from twenty-two to thirty-one inclusive, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence.

### **Building Regulations.**

SECT. 33. No building shall hereafter be erected upon the tract of land situated between South avenue on the north, East Central street on the south, Main street on the west and Washington street on the east, nor upon a strip of land one hundred and fifty (150) feet wide extending westerly from the westerly side of Main and South Main streets, between land of the Boston and Albany railroad on the north and the Donnellon Block, so-called, on the south, unless the walls of said building shall be constructed of brick, stone, iron or other incombustible material and the roof thereof covered with slate, tin, tile or other material equally incombustible; and no wooden gutters, conductors, or trimmings shall be used on any such building. All the outside walls shall be not less than twelve inches in thickness; but in special cases the Selectmen may require or permit the walls to be of greater or less thickness.

SECT. 34. No dwelling-house or other structure more than eight feet in length or breadth and seven feet in height, except detached houses or structures situated more than one hundred feet from any other building, shall hereafter be built within a radius of one-half mile from the point of intersection of Central and Main streets, unless made of and covered with some incombustible material, or unless a special license in writing is granted therefor by a majority of the Selectmen for reasons of public good or necessity, and is recorded in the records of the town. But the provisions of this section shall not apply to the territory described in section thirty-three nor be construed as in any way affecting the restrictions contained therein.

SECT. 35. It shall be the duty of every person who shall commence the erection of any building within the town



of Natick to notify the Selectmen before commencing to build chimneys therein.

SECT. 36. All chimneys in wooden buildings shall be built of brick or other fire-proof non-conducting material. All brick flues shall be smoothly plastered inside with mortar from top to bottom, or lined with earthen pipe, and shall be plastered outside below the roofing.

SECT. 37. In no case shall chimneys rest upon any flooring without a footing of masonry or iron supported by iron beams having a secure bearing of masonry or iron at either end.

SECT. 38. All flues shall be topped out at least four feet above the roof of the building to which they belong. The brick topping out of chimneys shall not have more than two inches projection unless covered by a cap of metal or stone properly secured.

SECT. 39. No woodwork of any kind shall be placed at a less distance than four inches from the outside brick work of any flue. In no case shall a nail be driven into the masonry of any flue. No woodwork shall be placed at a less distance than one inch from any tin or other metal flue or pipe used or intended to be used to convey heated air or steam or hot water in any building unless such flue or pipe shall be cased with metal, leaving a free circulation of air all around the same.

SECT. 40. The extension or essential alteration of any building; also the rebuilding, or repairing of any building which has been partially destroyed by fire, shall be subject to the same restrictions as are imposed by the foregoing Building Regulations on the erection of buildings.

SECT. 41. It shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to examine all buildings in the course of erection, or alteration, and report to the Selectmen any violation of the foregoing Building Regulations.

SECT. 42. Any person erecting or making alterations

in a building, or any person superintending the erection or alteration of a building, in violation of the foregoing Building Regulations shall be punished by fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars. The Selectmen shall have full authority to make application to any court having jurisdiction for an injunction to restrain the erection, alteration, use or occupation of any building erected, altered, maintained or used in violation of any of said regulations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. MULLIGAN,  
JAMES W. MORSE,  
WILLIAM J. COCHRAN,

Committee on By-Laws.

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

February 27, 1897.

Trustees L. Moise Hospital, . . . . .	\$70,000 00
Martha Clark, . . . . .	2,500 00
Natick Savings Bank, . . . . .	36,000 00
Natick Savings Bank, East Central improvement, \$500.00 payable annually, . . . . .	2,500 00
Natick Savings Bank, \$2,000.00 payable annually, . . . . .	8,000 00
Natick Savings Bank, New Alms House, \$1,000.00 payable annually, . . . . .	5,000 00
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	\$124,000 00
Estate M. A. Morse, Anticipation of Taxes, . . . . .	\$10,000 00
State Treasurer, Anticipation of Taxes, . . . . .	5,000 00
Geo. A. Fernald & Co., Anticipation of Taxes, . . . . .	10,000 00
Sinking Fund Committee, Anticipation of Taxes, . . . . .	5,000 00
Temporary Loan to pay Railroad Dam- ages, . . . . .	5,000 00
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	35,000 00
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	\$159,000 00
Accrued interest on Notes not due, . . . . .	1,749 32
Accrued interest on Water Bonds not due, . . . . .	833 38
Accrued interest on Sewer Bonds not due, . . . . .	1,433 33
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	\$163,015 98

**RESOURCES.**

Martin Rice, Land Rent, . . . .	200 00	
State Aid, Chapter 301, . . . .	5,912 00	
Military Aid, Chapter 279, . . . .	572 75	
Tax deeds received from C. W. Gleason,	1,330 57	
Tax deeds received from C. P. Currier,	1,092 74	
Uncollected Taxes, in hands C. P.		
Currier, . . . . .	57,791 61	
Interest due on same, . . . . .	2,678 21	
Due from abutters on concrete walks,	655 29	
Due from cities and towns, poor acct.,	765 95	
Due from State on poor account, . .	590 57	
Due from State, burial soldiers, . .	70 00	
Due from State on account loan for		
grade crossing, . . . . .	3,650 00	
Cash on hand, . . . . .	230 19	
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		75,539 88

Net indebtedness of the Town, exclusive of Water	
and Sewer Bonds, . . . . .	\$87,476 10

**WATER BONDS.**

25 Bonds due Oct. 1, 1899, . . . . .	25,000 00	
25 Bonds due Oct. 1, 1904, . . . . .	25,000 00	
1 Water Loan Note due Feb. 4, 1902, . . . .	2,700 00	
1 Water Loan Note due Feb. 27, 1907, . . . .	5,000 00	
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	57,700 00	
Less amount of Sinking Fund, . . . . .	6,305 76	
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		51,394 24

**SEWER BONDS.**

50 Bonds due July 1, 1915 . . . . .	50,000 00	
50 Bonds due July 1, 1920 . . . . .	50,000 00	
50 Bonds due July 1, 1925 . . . . .	50,000 00	
50 Bonds due July 1, 1926 . . . . .	50,000 00	
20 Bonds due July 15, 1926 . . . . .	20,000 00	
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	\$220,000 00	
Less Sinking Fund . . . . .	800 00	

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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**Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of  
Natick.**

Dr.

1896.

To cash received :

Mar. 11.	From Charles H. Fair, account road department . . . . .	4 00
	“ City of Beverly, aid rendered . . . . .	68 00
18.	“ State Treasurer, corporation tax . . . . .	144 58
	“ Engineers Fire Department, rent, South Natick . . . . .	60 00
	“ Cochituate Railway Co., street department . . . . .	19 50
20.	“ Town of Framingham, aid rendered . . . . .	90 00
27.	“ C. P. Currier, collector of taxes . . . . .	2,900 00
April 1.	“ Trustees L. Morse Hospital on 28 notes, \$2,500 each . . . . .	70,000 00
9.	“ P. Walsh, board at poor farm . . . . .	24 00
	“ A. O. Pearse, warden, Poor Farm . . . . .	40 82
14.	“ Gay & Co., on note, anticipation taxes . . . . .	10,000 00
May 4.	“ A. O. Pearse, warden, Poor Farm . . . . .	46 00
	“ Temporary loan on note for R. R. damages . . . . .	5,000 00
12.	“ Town of Holliston, soldiers aid . . . . .	32 10
	“ City of Lynn, aid rendered . . . . .	15 00
	“ R. D. Shanahan, crushed stone . . . . .	25 00
22.	“ C. P. Currier, collector taxes . . . . .	4,750 00
	“ Town of Holliston, soldiers aid . . . . .	12 00

May 25.	From Temporary loan on note, anticipa- tion taxes . . . . .	3,000 00
	“ A. J. Hoey, pool license . . . . .	2 00
27.	“ F. E. Hooker, auctioneer license . . . . .	2 00
	“ Samuel Bowker, on account paid out at hospital . . . . .	80 00
May 1.	“ A.H. Berry & Co., liquor license . . . . .	1,300 00
	“ Bisch & Heinlein, liquor license . . . . .	1,300 00
	“ Thos. F. Curran, liquor license . . . . .	1,300 00
	“ Daniel D. Sheehan & Co liquor license . . . . .	1,500 00
	“ G. W. Giddings, liquor license . . . . .	1,500 00
2.	“ Simonds Bros., liquor license . . . . .	1,300 00
	“ M. H. O'Rourke & Co. liquor license . . . . .	1,300 00
	“ J. A. Kelly & Co., liq- uor license . . . . .	1,500 00
4.	“ C. W. Perry & Co., druggist license . . . . .	1 00
	“ W. T. Burke, druggist license . . . . .	1 00
12.	“ J. E. Cooper, druggist license . . . . .	1 00
	“ Louis E. Clark, druggist license . . . . .	1 00
		11,004 00
June 1.	“ A. O. Pearce, warden, Poor Farm . . . . .	36 00
5.	“ Freedom Wentworth, auctioneer license . . . . .	2 00
	“ D. H. Wight, license to slaughter cattle . . . . .	1 00
	“ Geo. H. Brooks, night lunch . . . . .	25 00
9.	“ C. P. Currier, collector . . . . .	1,150 00
11.	“ C. W. Burks, auctioneer license . . . . .	2 00
	“ G. W. Ingalls, auctioneer license . . . . .	2 00



June 18.	From C. W. Dean, poor account . . .	65 00
	“ North American Circus Co., license . . .	5 00
	“ S. C. Rhodes, Merry-go-round license . . .	30 00
20.	“ J. M. Blandin, peddler license . . .	1 00
	“ C. P. Currier, collector taxes . . .	2,000 00
	“ Catherine Thomas, tax title . . .	18 19
July 1.	“ Daniher & Collins, fire-works license . . .	5 00
	“ Louis E. Clark, fire-works license . . .	5 00
	“ Fairbanks & Son, fire-works license . . .	5 00
	“ J. M. Fiske & Co., fire-works license . . .	5 00
	“ Daniels & Twitchell, fireworks license . . .	5 00
	“ Burke & Dolan, fire-works license . . .	5 00
	“ James E. Cooper, fire-works . . .	2 50
	“ F. S. Schaller, fireworks license . . .	2 50
		35 00
1.	“ J. M. Blandin, street license . . .	1 00
3.	“ J. M. Blandin, street license . . .	1 00
6.	“ George Cossack, license . . .	5 00
8.	“ C. P. Currier, collector taxes . . .	3,000 00
14.	“ Mathews, poor department . . .	5 00
	“ Glidden, poor department . . .	1 50
16.	“ F. N. Adams, auctioneer license . . .	2 00
July 20.	Received on note temporary loan grade crossing . . .	3,000 00
21.	Received on note temporary loan anticipation of taxes . . .	5,000 00
22.	From C. P. Currier, Tax Collector . . .	1,600 00
24.	“ C. O. Beal pool license . . .	2 00
	“ State Treasurer, account grade crossing . . .	6,203 00
28.	For expense paid at Worcester Hospital . . .	50 15

July 29.	From Town of Hubbard to aid rendered	41 00
	“ Town of Milford to aid rendered	14 50
	“ J. E. Spruhen, night lunch license	25 00
Aug. 1.	“ Town of Wakefield, aid rendered	90 00
	“ Estate M. A. Mose, anticipation of taxes . . . . .	10,000 00
6.	“ Town of Ashland, aid rendered	11 00
	“ Town of East Bridgewater, aid rendered . . . . .	63 25
	“ Town of Beverly, aid rendered .	52 00
	“ A. O. Pearce, warden Poor Farm	48 00
	“ J. M. Blandin, peddler license .	1 00
10.	“ A. Mattens, Poor Department .	5 00
14.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	2,600 00
15.	“ J. F. Burns, license night lunch .	25 00
22.	“ Town of Gloucester, aid rendered	60 00
	“ J. M. Blandin, peddler license .	1 00
26.	“ Marshall A. Manson, pop corn license, one month . . . . .	2 00
	“ Town of Spencer, aid rendered .	4 12
Sept. 1.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	2,850 00
3.	“ J. M. Blandin, street license .	1 00
	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	1,000 00
5.	“ A. O. Pearce, Warden Poor Farm	47 73
	“ Jos. Casali, license for fruit stand	10 00
11.	“ Town of Sherborn, aid rendered	10 20
	“ J. M. Blandin, street license .	1 00
12.	“ J. M. Blandin, “ “ .	1 00
Oct. 3.	“ A. O. Pearce, Warden Poor Farm	62 50
6.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	16,200 00
10.	“ J. M. Blandin, street license .	1 00
17.	“ J. M. Blandin, “ “ .	50
24.	“ J. M. Blandin, “ “ .	1 00
27.	“ Use school house hall, So. Natick	45 00
	“ F. E. Ford, license for bowling alley . . . . .	10 00
31.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	18,000 00
Nov. 9.	“ A. O. Pearce, Warden Poor Farm	57 25
	“ A. O. Pearce, for board received .	12 00

Nov. 10.	From C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	14,500 00
	“ Town of Framingham, aid rende’d	115 13
13.	“ State Treasurer on account grade crossings . . . . .	2,163 00
	“ G. W. Giddings, billiard and pool license . . . . .	2 00
Dec. 6.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	14,000 00
	“ R. J. Webb, plumbers’ license .	50
	“ Dana Wells, “ “ .	50
	“ J. E. White, “ “ .	50
	“ E. W. Peterson “ “ .	50
11.	“ J. L. Wilson, slaughter house license	1 00
	“ Town of Dover, Tuition of scholars	60 00
10.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	6,200 00
18.	“ A. O. Pearse, Warden . .	34 13
22.	“ State Treasurer Corporation Tax	3,574 06
	“ “ “ National Bank Tax	1,541 98
	“ “ “ Military Aid, chap-ter 279 . . . . .	332 00
	“ State Treasurer State Aid, chap. 301	4,784 00
	“ “ “ Armory rent to Jan. ’97	175 00
	“ “ “ burial soldiers and sailors	35 00
28.	“ “ “ Temporary Loan Antic-ipation Taxes . . . . .	5,000 00
1897.		
Jan. 1.	“ A. O. Pearse, Warden . .	29 38
4.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	3,250 00
9.	“ J. M. Blandin, street license .	1 00
13.	“ C. P. Currier, Tax Collector .	2,300 00
16.	“ J. M. Blandin, street license .	1 00
18.	“ Overseers of Poor, expense paid, returned to town . . . . .	15 00
22.	“ North Reading, aid rendered .	33 00
27.	From Town of East Bridgewater, aid rendered . . . . .	84 00
	“ Town of Medford, aid rendered	76 70
29.	“ Town of Wakefield, aid rendered	90 00
Feb. 1.	“ Natick Savings Bank, (Note building Almshouse) . . .	5,000 00

<b>Feb. 1.</b>	From C. P. Currier, Collector, . . .	2,800 00
	“ County Treasurer, Dog Tax . . .	1,228 92
	“ Town of Hubbardston, aid rendered . . .	33 02
<b>2.</b>	“ A. O. Pearse, Warden Poor Farm . . .	29 25
	“ A. O. Pearse, board . . .	15 00
<b>3.</b>	“ Town of Charlton, aid rendered . . .	15 25
	“ George Nutt, Auct. License , . . .	2 00
	“ Town of Wellesley, Tuition of Scholars . . .	168 00
	“ Engineers of Fire Department, (Eagle Steamer sold) . . .	100 00
<b>4.</b>	“ City of Beverly, aid rendered . . .	76 00
<b>5.</b>	“ Town of Sherborn, aid rendered . . .	45 93
<b>8.</b>	“ F. E. Pailin, Supt., Hall Rent, South Natick . . .	76 00
<b>10.</b>	“ Town of Medway, aid rendered . . .	18 50
	“ City of Newton, aid rendered . . .	59 60
<b>18.</b>	“ Town of Gloucester, aid rendered . . .	60 00
	“ R. J. Webb, Plumber's License . . .	2 50
	“ D. J. Wells, Plumber's License . . .	50
	“ Jos. E. White . . .	50
	“ E. W. Peterson . . .	50
	“ N. Richards, Antitoxin sold . . .	2 00
	“ Mr. A. E. Pratt, Land rent . . .	66 00
<b>25.</b>	“ Martin Rice, Land rent . . .	150 00
	“ F. J. Williams, Land rent . . .	84 00
	“ Geo. A. Fernald on Note, Anticipation of Taxes . . .	9,891 67
	“ J. W. Morse, Board of Horse . . .	100 00
	“ C. P. Currier, Concrete Walks . . .	380 51
<b>27.</b>	“ A. O. Pearse, Warden . . .	67 00
	“ A. O. Pearse, board . . .	9 00
	“ Salamon & Russo, Road Dept. . .	16 58
	“ Received on Note, Anticipation of Taxes . . .	5,000 00
<b>Mar. 1.</b>	“ W. L. Coolidge, Guardian S. A. Coolidge . . .	45 00

Mar. 1.	From F. E. Parlin, Supt. of Schools,	
	books sold . . . . .	24 51
"	F. E. Parlin, Tuition of Scholars	55 20
"	F. E. Parlin, Hall Rent, South	
	Natick . . . . .	5 00
"	F. E. Parlin, Evening School for-	
	feits . . . . .	13 50
"	Engineers Fire Dept., Hose sold	15 00
"	Engineers Fire Department, Rent,	
	South Natick . . . . .	10 00
"	C. P. Currier, Collector . . .	4,526 72
"	A. O. Pearse, Warden Poor Farm	30 50
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		\$269,542 93

## CR.

By orders paid, drawn by Selectmen . . . . .	217,582 90
By orders paid, drawn by Engineers Fire Dept. . . . .	5,644 31
By bills paid, approved by School Committee . . . . .	43,117 90
By bills paid, approved by Trustees Morse Institute . . . . .	2,655 78
By balance paid, Trial Justice acct. . . . .	311 85
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	\$269,312 74
Cash on hand, . . . . .	230 19
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	\$269,542 93

## GLENWOOD CEMETERY.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of  
Natick.

1896.

Mar. 1. To balance as per last report \$15 87

1897.

Jan. 1.	By paid G. Zeager, labor . . . . .	\$11 40
	By balance on hand . . . . .	4 47
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		\$15 87

## NORTH CEMETERY.

1896.

Mar. 1.	To balance as per last report	\$110 91
	To received from W. A. McNary, lot 511 . . . .	12 00
	To received from Mrs. R. Arnold, lot 501 . . . .	12 00
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		\$134 91

1896.

Oct.	By cash paid Natick Water Board . . . .	6 00
	By cash paid W. W. Wight, services . . . .	10 00
	By cash paid W. W. Wight, labor paid out . . . . .	5 00
	By balance, cash on hand . . . . .	113 91
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		\$134 91

## TRIAL JUSTICE ACCOUNT.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Natick.

1896.

May 8.	By cash paid W. E. Daniels . . . .	\$43 75
June 1.	By cash paid W. E. Daniels . . . .	79 70
Aug. 1.	By cash paid W. E. Daniels . . . .	98 05
Sep. 1.	By cash paid W. E. Daniels . . . .	73 33
30.	By cash paid W. E. Daniels . . . .	2 22
Oct. 1.	By cash paid W. E. Daniels . . . .	32 28
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		\$329 33

Apr. 2.	To cash received District Court Framingham . . . .	\$ 7 48
Oct. 1.	To cash received Master House of Correction . . . .	5 00

1897.

Jan. 1.	To cash received Master House of Correction . . . .	5 00
	Balance paid out . . . .	311 85
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		\$329 33



## COLLINS MORSE ESTATE.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town  
of Natick.

DR.

1896.		
Mar. 1.	To balance as per last report .	\$63 74
1897.		
Feb. 27.	To received rent Home place, Mr. Glidden 12 months .	72 00
	To H. L. Glidden, rent pasture	25 00
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		\$160 74

CR.

By paid O. Woods & Co., shingles etc.	8 14
By paid Town of Ashland, taxes . . .	4 72
By paid Dell Park Cemetery Association care lot 2 years . . . . .	10 00
By balance on hand . . . . .	137 88
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	\$160 74

## WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of  
Natick.

1897.

Mar. 1.	To cash received from J. W. Morse, Supt., for the year ending this date. . . . .	\$20,597 43
	To cash received on note, ex- tending pipe to Town Farm	1,300 00
	To cash received on note, ex- tending pipe on Union and Sherman streets and Kins- man Court . . . . .	1,400 00
	To cash received on note, ex- tending pipe to Glen street	5,000 00
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		\$28,297 43

## CR.

By orders paid, drawn by Water Commissioners . . . . .	\$25,090 32
By balance carried to sinking fund . . . . .	3,207 11
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	\$28,297 43

## SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

Edward Clark, Treasurer.

1896.

Mar. 1.	To balance as per last report . . . . .	\$7,786 70
	To interest received . . . . .	311 95
	To balance from water works account for the year ending this date . . . . .	3,207 11
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		\$11,305 76

## CR.

Mar. 1.	By Water Loan note paid . . . . .	5,000 00
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	Balance . . . . .	\$6,305 76
	Deposited in Natick Savings Bank . . . . .	\$1,305 76
	Town of Natick note, temporary loan . . . . .	5,000 00
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		\$6,305 76

NATICK, March 4, 1897.

We have examined the accounts of Edward Clark, Treasurer of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, and find the same correct.

TIMOTHY F. SULLIVAN,  
JOHN J. AHERN,  
NATHAN B. GOODNOW.

## SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in account with the Town of  
Natick.

	To received for 220 bonds sold . . .	\$220,000 00
	Accrued interest on same. . .	1,394 97
	Premium on same . . .	11,691 00
1895.		
Sept. 23.	Received on note in anticipation of payment from City of Boston . . .	5,000 00
Nov. 20.	To Natick Water Works, material sold . . .	47 60
1896.		
May 1.	To Trustees Morse Hospital, material sold . . .	7 10
28.	To F. E. Houghton, wood . . .	6 00
Sep. 26.	To City of Boston, payment as per act of Legislature . . .	18,000 00
Feb. 24.	To Natick Road Department, pipe . . .	121 50
	For 6-inch pipe, house connection . . .	839 11
	To Ernest Colburn, explosives sold . . .	12 45
	To James Shea, sand . . .	6 30
	To Mr. Hunnewell, explosives . . .	2 00
	To Mr. Robbins, damaged pipe . . .	5 94
	To Geo. H. Johnson, damaged pipe . . .	80
	To Fair Bros., brick . . .	1 63
	To Wm. D. Rudd, explosives . . .	6 00
	To Underwood Brothers, brick . . .	11 25
	Pipe broken by teamster . . .	1 80
	To J. J. McLellan, car fare to Boston . . .	50
	To Natick and Cochituate R. R. Co., labor . . .	508
	To S. W. Holmes, pumping sewerage . . .	4 50
	To W. A. Swain, " " . . .	5 33
	To Mrs. E. W. Hathaway, pumping sewerage . . .	67
	To C. E. Moody . . .	3 33
	To F. W. Shattuck . . .	4 67
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		\$257,169 53

## CR.

1895.			
July 6.	By paid Boston Bank Note Co.	\$ 75 00	
	By Boston Daily Advertiser	. 28 00	
Dec. 7.	By " " "	. 14 00	
1896.			
Jan. 1.	By six months interest on bonds, no appropriation	. 2,500 00	
22.	By Boston Bank Note Co.	. 40 00	
	By Boston Advertiser	. 22 50	
Sep. 17.	By note paid given for money borrowed in anticipation of payment from City of Boston	5,000 00	
	By interest on same	. 209 02	
Nov. 30.	By Boston Bank Note Co.	. 40 00	
	By Boston Advertiser	. 14 25	
Jan. 1.	By interest on 50 Bonds, no appropriation	. 1,000 00	
18.	By interest on 17 Bonds	. 340 00	9,282 77
			<hr/> \$247,886 76
Amount paid on orders drawn by Sewer Committee			245,643 50
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Cash balance on hand			\$2,243 26

## MORSE INSTITUTE.

Edward Clark, Treasurer, in Account with the Town  
of Natick.

1896.			
April 1.	By cash paid H. D. Noyes & Co.	. .	\$114 75
	" " F. A Bryant	. . .	35 00
	" " Nellie L. Fox	. . .	50 00
	" " Myra R. Partridge	. . .	33 33
	" " Robinson & Jones	. . .	103 11
	" " Electric Light Co.	. . .	30 14
	" " Electric Light Co.	. . .	19 99
	" " Electric Light Co.	. . .	26 01
May 1.	" " Myra R. Partridge	. . .	33 33
	" " Nellie L. Fox	. . .	50 00

May 1.	By cash paid	F. A. Bryant . . . .	35 00
	"	" C. T. Brooks . . . .	12 50
	"	" Natick Citizen Printing Co.	62 00
June 1.	"	" Wm. H. Chamberlain .	3 00
	"	" F. A. Bryant . . . .	35 00
	"	" Myra R. Partridge . .	33 33
	"	" Nellie L. Fox . . . .	50 00
	"	" Gas and Electric Co. .	11 71
	"	" Gas Light Co. . . .	1 00
	"	" J. G. Manuel . . . .	1 80
	"	" Gas and Electric Co. .	31 11
July 1.	"	" Myra R. Partridge . .	33 33
	"	" Nellie L. Fox . . . .	50 00
	"	" F. A. Bryant . . . .	35 00
	"	" A. Blaney, insurance .	30 60
Aug. 1.	"	" F. A. Bryant . . . .	45 00
	"	" Myra R. Partridge . .	33 33
	"	" Nellie L. Fox . . . .	50 00
Sept. 1.	"	" Myra R. Partridge . .	33 33
	"	" F. A. Bryant . . . .	35 00
	"	" Nellie L. Fox . . . .	50 00
Oct. 1.	"	" Nellie L. Fox . . . .	50 00
	"	" Myra R. Partridge . .	33 33
	"	" F. A. Bryant . . . .	35 00
	"	" Water Board . . . .	6 50
	"	" Williams & Brown . .	50 05
	"	" E. T. Wilson . . . .	81 36
	"	" Robinson & Jones . .	159 57
	"	" W. D. Parlin . . . .	10 98
Nov. 1.	"	" C. T. Brooks . . . .	12 00
	"	" Nellie L. Fox . . . .	50 00
	"	" F. A. Bryant . . . .	35 00
	"	" Myra R. Partridge . .	33 33
Dec. 1.	"	" Myra R. Partridge . .	33 33
	"	" F. A. Bryant . . . .	35 00
	"	" Nellie L. Fox . . . .	50 00
	"	" Gas and Electric Co. .	61 07
	"	" George Brierly . . . .	3 25
	"	" French Bros. . . . .	62 91

May 16.	By cash paid A. P. Knowles . . .	20 00
1897.		
Jan. 1.	“ “ Myra R. Partridge . . .	33 33
	“ “ Nellie L. Fox . . .	50 00
	“ “ F. A. Bryant . . .	35 00
	“ “ Gas & Electric Co. . .	27 33
	“ “ Gas & Electric Co. . .	31 24
	“ “ A. P. Knowles . . .	25 00
Feb. 1.	“ “ F. A. Bryant . . .	35 00
	“ “ Myra R. Partridge . . .	33 33
	“ “ Nellie L. Fox . . .	50 00
	“ “ G. C. Fairbanks, '94 to '97	81 09
	“ “ Fairbanks & Son, 1895 .	40 00
	“ “ Fairbanks & Son, 1896 .	39 75
	“ “ Fairbanks & Son, 1897 .	36 00
	“ “ A. P. Knowles . . .	30 00
Mar. 1.	“ “ F. A. Bryant . . .	35 00
	“ “ Myra R. Partridge . . .	33 33
	“ “ Nellie L. Fox . . .	50 00
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		\$2,655 78
Amount appropriated . . . \$1,000 00		
Dog tax received from County Treasurer 1,228 92		
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		2,228 92
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Overdrawn . . . . .		\$426 86



## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.*

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requirements of law, I hereby submit the following report of the Police Department for the year ending February 28, 1897.

The force during the past year has consisted of the following named persons: Matthias Brigham, William Bean, Patrick Beatty, John Oakes, John Coleman, Elijah Page, Thomas Fair, James Sweeney and Joseph Blandin, who was appointed to act as chief, *vice* Brigham resigned on April 5, 1896.

Of this number, Coleman, Fair and Sweeney were dropped from active service on Dec. 1, 1896. Cause: Lack of funds on account of too small an appropriation.

Whole number of arrests . . . . . 659

### CAUSES.

Adultery . . . . .	4
Adulterated butter . . . . .	2
Adulterated milk . . . . .	1
Assault . . . . .	26
Bastardy . . . . .	2
Breaking and entering . . . . .	1
Defrauding boarding houses . . . . .	2
Disturbing peace . . . . .	19
Disorderly houses . . . . .	1
Drunkenness . . . . .	506
Embezzlement . . . . .	2
Fornication . . . . .	4
Fraud . . . . .	2
Larceny . . . . .	25
Lewdness . . . . .	1

Non support . . . . .	1
Peddling without license . . . . .	13
Polygamy . . . . .	1
Trespass . . . . .	29
Vagrancy . . . . .	17

Twelve dollars and fifty cents have been collected from itinerant street peddlers and turned over to the Town Treasurer. There have been thirty-seven store doors found unfastened and the same have been made secure.

One hundred and seventy-six tramps have been lodged in the lockup, and a large number have been sent to the poor farm to Nov. 1, 1896, when the lodging of the same was abolished by this department.

It has been found that the accommodations of the present lockup are inadequate for the requirements of a town of this size, no less than seventeen persons having been locked in four cells at one time, which in my opinion is a state of affairs to be deplored.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH M. BLANDIN,  
Chief of Police.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LEONARD MORSE HOSPITAL.

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The Trustees of the Leonard Morse Hospital have the honor to submit their fourth annual report :

The Trustees are pleased to be able to announce that, although the Hospital building is not yet completed, the work on it has so far progressed that they feel warranted in inviting all persons interested to visit the grounds and see for themselves the kind of building that is being erected and the nature and character of the work that is being done. Mr. Freeman Phillips of Wellesley is the contractor who has the work in charge, and the mason work is being done by the Underwood Brothers, under a sub-contract from Mr. Phillips. Neither the heating nor the plumbing was included in Mr. Phillips' contract, and both are being done under separate contracts by different contractors, W. D. Parlin furnishing the heating, and Henry Hussey of Boston the plumbing. Messrs Shaw and Hunnewell, the architects, have personal supervision of the work done under each contract.

The contract price for the entire work is not far from thirty thousand dollars, but this does not include the cost of the cellar nor of course the price paid for the land. It is hoped that the cost of the entire plant when completed, outside of furnishing the Hospital itself, will not exceed forty thousand dollars, and it may fall something under it.

The main or administration building with a wing attached, which is to be used as an operating room, is all that is to be built at present, and it is quite probable that it is all that will be required for years to come. Should a demand arise, however, for larger quarters, it will be an easy matter to enlarge them by

the addition of other wings in which to establish wards for patients.

PATRICK H. COONEY,  
CHARLES H. COOK,  
EDWARD CLARK,  
EDGAR S. DODGE,  
NATHAN B. GOODNOW,  
WILLIAM H. SYLVESTER,  
BERNARD F. MORAN,

Trustees of the Leonard Morse Hospital.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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I have examined the accounts of the several departments and find them, as submitted to me, to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I heartily endorse the suggestions of my predecessor in last year's report.

Under the present system, with the fiscal year closing March 1, and all departments keeping accounts open and drawing orders up to, and even on that date, sufficient time is not allowed the approving boards, the Auditor and Treasurer, in which to carefully and properly review and adjust their long accounts. Money is not, in all cases, promptly withdrawn from the bank and receipts and vouchers do not get back to the disbursing officers in season to check up.

It would be well for the town to adopt a by law or regulation, whereby the fiscal year should close not later than January 31. It will simplify matters, add to the correctness and insure a careful and thorough compilation of future reports.

In closing I wish to thank the officers of the several departments for the uniform courtesy and good will which greeted me on all official visits.

Particularly am I indebted to the Town Clerk and retiring Board of Selectmen, whose combined and unfailing assistance, rendered the Auditor's work at once easy and harmonious.

ALEXANDER A. KANE,

Auditor.

Natick, Mass., March 6, 1897.





TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
AND  
Superintendent of Water Works  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NATICK



FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1897.

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NATICK, MASS.  
PRESS OF "NATICK BULLETIN,"  
1897.



## REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

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The attention of the citizens is again called, by the commissioners, that some active measures must be taken towards procuring a larger watersupply. For the past three years "Dug Pond" has been drawn upon to its full capacity, and by taking the immense quantity of water that is needed to flush the sewer, and should there be a dry season, we think it a matter of importance that calls for immediate attention. Also the pumps of the station have been constantly in use for the past ten years, and cannot be safely used longer without extensive repairs. We think it would not be wise to repair old pumps when those of modern build will do the work for one-half the expense. The Commissioners suggest that a thorough prospecting be made by a competent engineer for a new water supply and pumping station, and to have this work properly done, the Commissioners have had an article inserted in the town warrant asking the town to appropriate \$500 for this purpose. We also call the attention of the citizens to the fact that the force main pipe, from May's corner to reservoir, is not to be depended upon, being in a leaky condition, it running through a meadow which is covered with water two-thirds of the year, and cannot be possibly repaired until the meadow is dry. We would recommend that a new force main be laid, of sixteen inch iron pipe, from May's corner to reservoir. These facts that we have called the citizens to notice, are of great importance, and we hope that they will be attended to at once, as our suggestions are for the best interest of the town. For a full detailed report of expenditures and receipts, see report of superintendent.

FRANCIS BIGELOW,	}	<i>Water Commissioners.</i>
H. M. ROBBINS,		
JOHN M. FISKE,		

# **BILLS APPROVED BY THE WATER BOARD.**

1896.

Mar.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	\$ 34 28
	Service pipe . . . . .	268 32
	General repairs . . . . .	153 71
	Running expenses outside pumping station .	230 38
	Running expenses at pumping station . . .	97 27
Apr.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	59 73
	Service pipe . . . . .	101 06
	General repairs . . . . .	38 00
	Running expenses outside pumping station .	219 60
	Running expenses at pumping station . . .	199 62
May.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	378 43
	Service pipe . . . . .	93 53
	General repairs . . . . .	34 89
	Running expenses outside pumping station .	181 35
	Running expenses at pumping station . . .	92 32
June.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	2,356 33
	Service pipe . . . . .	916 43
	General repairs . . . . .	33 49
	Running, expenses outside pumping station .	267 16
	Running expenses at pumping station . . .	416 08
July.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	169 72
	Service pipe . . . . .	356 89
	General repairs . . . . .	7 11
	Running expenses outside pumping station .	314 68
	Running expenses at pumping station . . .	102 54
Aug.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	806 15
	Service pipe . . . . .	1,465 10
	General repairs . . . . .	51 50
	Running expenses outside pumping station .	203 50
	Running expenses at pumping station . . .	91 91

Sept.	Main pipes, gates and hydrants . . . . .	633 49
	Service pipe . . . . .	491 82
	General repairs . . . . .	127 21
	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	324 54
	Running expenses at pumping station . . . . .	292 88
Oct.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	29 58
	Service pipe . . . . .	308 69
	General repairs . . . . .	145 45
	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	196 61
	Running expenses at pumping station . . . . .	505 61
Nov.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	1,140 01
	Service pipe . . . . .	538 71
	General repairs . . . . .	61 93
	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	297 93
	Running expenses at pumping station . . . . .	552 88
Dec.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	1,960 26
	Service pipe . . . . .	779 85
	General repairs . . . . .	27 77
	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	265 06
	Running expenses at pumping station . . . . .	91 66
1897.		
Jan.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	2,693 43
	Service pipe . . . . .	343 48
	General repairs . . . . .	130 42
	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	265 66
	Running expenses at pumping station . . . . .	105 52
Feb.	Main pipe, gates and hydrants . . . . .	45 09
	Service pipe . . . . .	139 13
	General repairs . . . . .	84 10
	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	272 71
	Running expenses at pumping station . . . . .	91 66
	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	206 10
	Interest on bonds and notes to March 1, 1897 . . . . .	2,200 00
		<hr/> \$25,090 32

#### Summary of Expenditures.

Street main, gates and hydrants . . . . .	\$10,306 50
Services and meters . . . . .	5,803 10

Feb.	Running expenses outside pumping station . . . . .	3,245 28
	Running expenses at pumping station . . . . .	2,639 95
	General repairs . . . . .	895 58
	Interest on bonds and notes . . . . .	2,200 00
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		\$25,090 32

**Bonds and Notes against the Water Department.**

Bonds due October 1, 1899 . . . . .	\$25,000 00
Bonds due October 1, 1904 . . . . .	25,000 00
Note due March 1, 1902 . . . . .	2,700 00
Note due March 1, 1907 . . . . .	5,000 00
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	\$57,700 00

Approved—

ALEXANDER A. KANE,  
*Auditor.*



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Water Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit the twenty-third annual report of the Water Department for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1897. Between railroad changes, introduction of domestic meters, and sewerage system it has been an exceptionally busy year.

### PUMPING STATION.

The engineer in charge has previously reported a weakness in the Blake pump, and he again calls attention to it in a tone that can no longer go unheeded. It has grown decidedly worse owing to the high speed the pump is obliged to run at. The capacity of the pump is not large enough and a larger one will be needed very soon. This is a matter to which indefinite postponement will not apply. As the pond is being drawn upon very heavily, almost to its utmost limit, the new pump will have to be located wherever it is decided to procure a larger supply. The boilers are in first-class shape and with the exception of a few minor repairs to engineer's house everything is in good order.

### RESERVOIR.

The reservoir is in good condition and has received a thorough cleaning. The fence has been repaired some, but extended repairs are out of the question as it is a frail structure.

### MAIN PIPES.

Two years ago I called attention to the unreliable condition of the force main to reservoir, which runs through the meadow in rear of South Middlesex car barn. Perhaps it is not generally known to the citizens that this force main is also the distributing main, and when anything happens to it between East Central

Street and reservoir, it has to be shut off and direct pumping resorted to. The meadow is nearly always flooded and repairs are effected under the most difficult circumstances. At the present writing it shows signs of weakness and we are waiting for the waters to subside before we can do anything. Surely we have had warning enough, therefore I would urgently recommend the laying of at least a 16-inch cast-iron main from East Central Street to reservoir the the coming summer. The Elm Street main will in all probability have to be replaced by a new one, as the settling of the sewer trench has wrought havoc with the present one. The Bacon Street main should be extended from W. W. Wight's to connect with Walnut Street, and Worcester Street should be laid from J. Brown's to North Main Street, thereby making an additional feeder to North Natick. The two dead ends at present on Curve Street should be connected, and Forest Avenue connected with Curve Street. Then we could lay a small feeder from Forest to Reynolds Avenue, another from Nelson Street to High Street. Then in case of a break in the Pond Street main the above territory will not be deprived of its supply as is presently the case. The Pleasant Street extension is completed, but the lateness of the season compelled us to stop on Glen Street, of which there is 1700 feet to lay. There has been an increased number of leaks on mains, due in a great measure to the sewer construction. There has been an especial affliction on Elm and Curve Streets.

#### HYDRANTS:

Five new hydrants have been set in place of old ones moved by R. R. changes, one removed from East Central Street near Lake crossing and re-set on Phillips Street, South Natick. Two new ones on Glen Street extension, one on Union Street, and three on South Main Street extensions. There are quite a number of old ones that need replacing, as they are old and leaky and cannot be depended upon, especially in winter time.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

It will be observed from the pumping record that the consumption is on the increase, and the wonderful and miraculous decrease which was prophesied to follow the introduction of do-

domestic meters has failed to materialize. Nothing else can be expected, and with the advent of the sewerage system, there will be a still greater increase. The capacity of the pond is a little over one hundred and fifty million per year, and you can see by the table what has been pumped. A larger and better water supply is needed and that immediately.

### WATER RATES.

The present arrangement of water rates is very unsatisfactory. Judging from the innumerable complaints and from the number of seekers after information, it is plainly evident that very few of the water takers understand the hasty and impractical ideas evolved last spring. Committees, when reviewing schedule rates of any kind of long standing, should be thoroughly familiar with their subject. Ample time should be taken and the various phases of the situation thoughtfully considered. And in adjusting water rates the Board of Water Commissioners surely deserve some recognition. A broad, liberal policy should be pursued for the benefit of all, not for the benefit of individuals.

### EXTENSION OF STREET MAINS.

Sheridan Street, 204 feet 4-inch pipe,	. . .	109 00
South Main Street, 1536 feet 6-inch pipe,	. . .	1263 00
Kinsman Court, 111 feet 4-inch pipe,	. . .	88 00
Union Street, 1070 feet 6-inch pipe,	. . .	1190 00
Pleasant Street, 1140 feet *6-inch pipe, }	. . .	1100 00
“ “ 193 feet 4-inch pipe, }		
Glen Street, 517 feet *6-inch pipe, }	. . .	3900 00
“ “ 4395 feet 4-inch pipe, }		
Phillips Street, one hydrant,	. . .	16 90

Number of miles of pipe from 2-inch to 12-inch reported to January, 1896, 31 miles, 277 feet.

Miles laid in 1896, 1 mile, 3958 feet.

Total to date, 32 miles, 4235 feet.

Number of leaks on main pipe for year ending Jan. 1, 1897, as follows :

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\*Cast-iron.

Caused by defective joints,	4
“ “ old wound joints,	1
“ “ defective pipe,	11
“ “ sewer department,	22
“ “ settling of R. R. filling,	2
“ “ rust,	2
“ “ steam shovel,	1
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Total,	43

## SERVICE PIPE.

Reported to Jan. 1, 1896,	1577
Additions to Jan. 1, 1897,	44
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	1621

## SERVICE LEAKS IN 1896.

Caused by defective corporations,	1
“ “ “ street stops,	8
“ “ “ goose-necks,	8
“ “ Sewer Department,	19
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	36

## COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

Reported to March 1, 1896	\$271,444 64
Street Mains, Gates and Hydrants	10,306 50
Service Pipes	3,859 36
Meters	1,943 65
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	\$287,554 15
Less Cash received for Services and Meters,	2,781 15
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Cost of Works to date	\$284,773 00
Increase of construction in one year	13,298 36

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**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.**

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1897.

<b>Water Rates</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<b>\$17,944 12</b>
<b>Service Pipes and Meters</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<b>2,781 15</b>
<b>Summons, Sealing and Shutting off</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<b>98 92</b>
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								<b>\$20,824.19</b>

J. W. MORSE,

*Superintendent Natick Water Works.*

## SCHEDULE OF PIPES, GATES AND HYDRANTS TO JANUARY 1, 1897.

SIZES.	LENGTH IN FEET.								NUMBER OF GATES.								No. of Hydrants.
	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	2 in.	1½, 1¼	1 in.	12 in.	10 in.	8 in.	6 in.	4 in.	2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	
Amount reported to Jan. 1, 1896.	9,488	6,173	12,637	63,035	64,867	7,757	452	8,498	7	5	10	50	112	26	1	7	169
Sheridan Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
South Main Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1,536	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kinsman Court.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1,070	193	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Pleasant Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140	4,395	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2
Glen Street....	.....	.....	.....	517	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cochituate Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington Ave.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Main Street, north side.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total to Jan. 1, 1897.	9,488	6,173	12,637	67,238	79,770	7,757	452	8,498	8	5	11	56	113	26	1	7	175



## RECORD OF PUMPING ENGINE FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 1897.

MONTH.	Time.	Wood Lbs.	COAL.		No. of Strokes.	Gallons Pumped.	Gallons of Coal.....	Lbs of Waste...	Gallons of Oil...	Ashes and Clinkers....	Pump Run.....	Duty Total Coal.....
			Starting and Banking..	Run- ning.								
	H. M.											
February.....	145 10	150	6,300	29,700	874,000	10,488,000	352	33	21	3,190	Blake & Worthington.	52,239,195
March.....	141 30	300	6,000	28,800	854,400	10,282,800	355	23	24	2,170		52,809,590
April.....	142 35	200	6,000	29,550	894,800	10,751,600	363	21	21	2,470		53,324,730
May.....	241 35	300	6,300	43,300	1,255,000	15,072,000	343	3	3	3,020		53,900,285
June.....	185 35	200	6,900	40,300	1,170,800	14,049,600	348	4	4	3,780		53,437,390
July.....	214 45	300	7,200	48,700	1,327,200	15,926,400	327	3	54	4,700		54,148,285
August.....	221 10	200	7,800	47,200	1,335,400	16,020,000	340	3	4	4,100		54,997,750
September.....	172 10	150	6,300	35,400	976,400	11,716,800	330	3	5	2,900		50,442,655
October.....	163 55	200	7,200	33,600	972,800	11,673,600	347	3	4	2,400		51,761,250
November.....	143 50	200	6,600	30,700	881,200	10,574,400	344	3	3	2,500		50,899,315
December.....	153 30	200	7,200	33,300	949,200	11,390,400	342	3	3	2,620		50,867,065
January.....	153 40	500	6,600	31,400	890,400	10,684,800	340	3	21	3,160		50,478,560
Total and Averages.....	2,079 15	2,900	81,000	432,550	12,382,200	148,586,400	317	34	394	36,910		51,942,172

Pumped with Worthington engine, 895,652 gallons.

Pumped with Blake engine, 148,586,400 gallons.

Total number of gallons for year, 149,482,052. Average daily consumption, 409,512.

## MAKE, SIZE AND NUMBER OF METERS IN USE DEC. 31, 1896.

MAKE.	5-8 in.	3 in.	1 in.	1½ in.	2 in.	3 in.	4 in.	6 in.	TOTAL.
Ball and Fitts .....									
Crown.....	1	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Desper.....	1	5	2	.....	4	.....	1	.....	13
Empire.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Hersey .....	1	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Nash.....	109	3	1	1	4	.....	.....	1	119
Thomson .....	5	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Thomson-Lambert.....	15	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	18
Union Rotary.....	55	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56
Worthington .....	8	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	11
	.....	1	3	1	1	1	1	.....	8
	195	29	8	2	11	1	2	1	249

## METERED WATER.

Domestic, 2,952,699 gallons, from July 1, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1897.  
 Greenhouses, 6,721,998 gallons, from July 1, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1897.  
 Blocks, churches and stables, 4,654,670 gallons, from July 1, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1897.  
 Total, 14,329,367 gallons, from July 1, 1896 to Jan. 1, 1897.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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### *To the Citizens of Natick :*

The annual report of the Board of Engineers for the year ending February 1, 1897, is herewith respectfully submitted. Up to Dec. 31, 1896, the Department responded to the following number of alarms :

- 21 Bell alarms,
- 11 Verbal still alarms,
- 2 Telephone still alarms.

There were also two fires for which no alarm was given. Nineteen chemical extinguishers have been effectively used.

### APPARATUS.

The apparatus at present consists of two steam fire engines, four hose wagons, two four-wheeled hose reels, one two-wheeled jumper, a two horse hook and ladder truck, and one hand truck carrying sixty-five foot ladder. Old Eagle steamer after having been stored over six years, in rear of department headquarters has been sold in accordance with the vote of the town. The new wagon for Hose Co. 4 went into commission Jan. 11, 1897. Like the others in service it was built by J. D. Macewen, and is in every respect fully equal to them. We have deemed it advisable to retain the old Hose 4 reel to be used as a spare piece of apparatus in case of accident to any of the wagons, or when they may be in the paint shop. At other times it will be kept at Little South ready for immediate use in that district. Arrangements are now in course of progress for a building to house it in. Hose Wagon 1 has been touched up and varnished, and Engine 1 and Hose 3 will need the same this summer.

## LADDERS.

A new 45-foot compound extension ladder has been purchased. one of the 45-foot Bangor ladders rebuilt into a compound extension, new locks placed thereon, and a new 12-foot roof ladder added to the equipment of the truck. One of the old 40-foot splice ladders, one 22-foot ladder, and a roof ladder have been sent to Hose 4 house and placed in the ladder box there, where they will be useful at fires close by.

## HOSE.

Five hundred feet of new jacket hose was bought, making 9,100 feet now in use divided as follows:

### Department Headquarters.

1,500 feet first-class,  
2,500 feet, fair condition.

### Engine House 2.

500 feet, first-class,  
600 feet, fair condition,  
1,000 feet, indifferent.

### Hose House 4.

600 feet, first-class,  
550 feet, fair condition,  
600 feet, indifferent.

### Hose House 5.

850 feet, fair condition.

### Jumper at West Natick.

400 feet, indifferent.

## STATIONS.

The Department Headquarters have been connected with the sewer, and the much needed sanitary arrangements in connection with the stables are now well under way.

The tenement in Engine House 2 has undergone a thorough renovation and is now in excellent condition.

The stall in Hose House 4 has been put in good shape and some shingling and patching done, but it is money thrown away to make extensive repairs, as it is an old building, and a new one will be necessary in the near future.

### REMARKS.

We deem it our duty to call your attention to what we consider an unnecessary and dangerous practice, namely, the sending of all the horses together to one particular spot, long distances from the fire stations. We will cite a case which happened last summer. An alarm came in from box 14, to which three hose companies, 1 engine and ladder company responded. Every horse owned by the town excepting one was away at an unreasonably long distance. We hired horses for the ladder truck, but no horse could be procured anywhere for Hose 4, so it had to remain in quarters. If a second alarm had been sounded we would have been obliged to hire horses for all the rest of the apparatus. Fortunately it was not a serious fire and the apparatus was not all needed, yet the fact remains that the horses are purchased for the use of the fire as well as the road department, and if they are all away on the extreme northern boundary of the town one week, and on the extreme southern the next week they do not benefit the fire department any. While we do not object to hiring horses occasionally for one, or at the most two pieces of apparatus, yet we wish to enter our most emphatic dissent against having all of the horses long distances away at the same time, and it seems to us that there is an abundance of work for them in their respective districts. We trust that the matter will be remedied the coming year.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the officers and men of the department for the deep interest they have taken in its welfare, for their prompt responses, and cheerful obedience of orders both on duty and off, and for their attention to discipline.

A strict discipline is one of the important essentials to a modern fire department, without that, there can be no efficiency.

### FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

This valuable branch of the service is in good condition and has worked splendidly. Four new boxes of the positive non-interfering type have been purchased during the year and placed in circuit as follows :

- 14, Washington avenue near Lagrange street.
- 16, Walnut and Parkman streets.
- 17, North avenue and Tibbetts street.
- 25, Department Headquarters.

13 has been moved from North avenue and Tibbetts street to Spring and Cochituate streets. Old 14 and 25 were thoroughly overhauled and re-numbered 31 and 242. 31 has been placed at Union and Woodland streets, and 242 at South Main and Rockland streets. Before any more extension of the line is made we must have a larger battery room as the present quarters are overcrowded. Another improvement is urgently needed, namely, a repeater. We have too large a territory depending on a single wire, it should be cut up into three circuits and thus guard to a great extent against the disablement of the entire system.

In accordance with the usual custom we again call attention to the fact that nothing has been done in regard to an ordinance requiring all corporations who set poles in town to leave space of at least two feet on top for municipal purposes. This is an old recommendation but it has lost none of its importance. Feed wires have been placed on small poles set for fire alarms and telephone purposes only, and within one foot of the fire alarm wires. Repeated requests to remove them have been made in vain. We will have a burn out one of these days, and while we will undoubtedly have the sympathy of the corporations, the town will "pay the freight." Street railway companies should be compelled to maintain guard wires at all points where municipal wires cross their feed and trolley wires. We also recommend the establishment of three new boxes at or near the following points :



Clarendon street and South avenue.

Marion street and North avenue.

North Main and Fisher streets.

## SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1896.

Number of first alarms sent out . . . . .	21
Number of second alarms sent out . . . . .	2
Number of special signals sent out . . . . .	5

## NEW WIRE STRUNG.

2 miles No. 9 iron uncovered.

$\frac{1}{2}$  mile No. 9 iron covered.

175 feet No. 14 copper.

New poles set . . . . .	2
Poles moved . . . . .	10
Poles taken down . . . . .	1
Old wire taken down . . . . .	775 ft.
Total number of signal stations . . . . .	20

## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF FIRES AND ALARMS IN 1896 AND APPARATUS PRESENT.

Feb. 23d, Box 25, 8.25 a. m. Automatic line from factory of Johnson, Dale & Aldrich crossed with Western Union, Telephone, Fire Alarm and R. R. signal lines, crossed by B. & A. pile driver. No damage. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Chief, Engineers Norris, Foskett.

April 3d, Box 34, 4.45 a. m. Second alarm at 5.00 a. m. Hopf's Block, Eliot street. Cause, cigar in sawdust spittoon. Partial loss. Ladder 1, Hose 1, 2. Engineers Norris, Foskett, Foster.

April 4th, still, 12.35 p. m. P. Brennan's chimney, Walnut street. Water Department wagon, detail from headquarters with extinguishers.

April 9th, still, 2.20 p. m. L. Winch's woods at Pickerel Pond. Water Department wagon, detail from headquarters.

April 15th, telephone still, 4.58 p. m. Woods, rear of Barker

house, Bacon street. Water Department wagon, detail from headquarters.

April 15th, Box 13, 9.00 p. m. A. McKenzie's hen house, Highland avenue. Cause, sparks from burning brush. Total loss, Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3, 4. Chief, ~~Engineers~~ Engineers Foskett, Dunton.

April 16th, Box 13, 4.45 p. m. A. McKenzie's dwelling house, Highland avenue. Cause, unknown. Damage slight. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3, 4. Chief, Engineer Dunton.

April 20th, Box 23, 1.11 p. m. A. O. Pearse dwelling house, Pond street. Cause, sparks from burning brush. Damage slight. Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Chief.

April 21st, Box 25, 7.14 p. m. P. Belger's market, North Main street. Cause, exploding lamp. Damage slight. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Chief, Engineer Foster.

April 26, Box 27, 5.28 a. m. J. C. Garvey dwelling house, Morse street. Cause, defective chimney. Partial loss. Ladder 1. Hose 1, 3. Chief.

April 30th, Box 25, 11.27 a. m. Shed and fence owned by town, corner of School and Common streets. Cause, children and matches. No damage. Hose 1 and 3. Chief.

May 1st, telephone still, 3.35 p. m. Woods corner Pond and Cemetery streets. Cause, children and matches. Exercise wagon. Engineer Manuel, detail from headquarters.

May 6, still, 6.35 p. m. W. W. Williams' chimney, Grant street. Water Department wagon. Engineer Manuel. detail from headquarters.

May 10th, ten blows followed by Box 46, 2.55 p. m. Robinson & Jones' woods on Worcester street. Cause, carelessness. Water Department wagon. Engineers Norris, Brown. Detail from Ladder 1, Hose 1, 4.

May 11th, Box 46, 12.19 p. m. Woods on Speen street. Cause, carelessness. Ladder 1. Engineers Brown, Manuel. detail from Hose 4.

May 13th, still, 8.45 a. m. E. M. Wood's peat meadow, East Central street. Exercise wagon. Engineer Manuel, detail from headquarters.

May 15th, Box 24, 5.25 a. m. John Bresnahan's dwelling house, South Main street. Cause, defective chimney. Total

loss. Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Chief, Engineers Norris, Manuel.

June 13th, still, 10 p. m. Roof of O. Woods & Co.'s lumber house. Caused by locomotive sparks. No damage. Hose wagon 1. Engineer Manuel, detail from headquarters.

June 20th, Box 13, 8.25 p. m. Barn in Italian village off Marion street. Caused by stove. Total loss. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Engineers Norris, Brown, Manuel.

June 23d, Box 25, 12.30 p. m. Roof of L. Dickinson's paint shop. Cause, locomotive sparks. No damage. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Chief, Engineers Norris, Manuel.

June 30th, still, 2.45 p. m. Fence on Walcott estate, Pond street. Cause, children and matches. No damage. Detail from headquarters.

July 18th. Box 46, 11.20 p. m. Second alarm at 11.32. Stable and dwelling house of W. P. Mayo, Park avenue. Cause, spontaneous combustion. Stable total loss, house partial loss. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 4. Chief, Engineers Norris, Manuel, Brown, Foster.

July 19th, Box 25, 12.20 a. m. Catherine Dolan dwelling house, South Main street. Cause unknown. Damage slight. Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Chief, Engineers Norris, Manuel.

July 23d, Box 25, 11.20 p. m. Ellen Fennessey dwelling house, Lake street. Cause unknown. Partial loss. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3, 4. Chief, Engineers Norris, Brown, Manuel.

July 30th, Box 25, 11.55 a. m. Hugh Belger dwelling house, Church street. Cause, overturning of kerosene stove. No damage. Hose 1. Chief, Engineer Manuel.

Sept. 5th, Box 14, 3.25 p. m. Fennessey estate, off Washington avenue. Cause, burning chimney. No damage. Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Engineers Norris, Manuel.

Sept. 8th, Box 25, 2.50 a. m. C. E. Buckley dwelling house, Morse street. Cause, drying towels too near stove. Damage slight. Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Engineers Norris, Manuel.

Oct. 3d, still, 8.15 p. m. Fairbanks and Son, awning, Main street. Cause, fireworks. No damage. Detail from headquarters.

Oct. 6th, no alarm given. Mary L. Hostley, dwelling house, Oak street. Caused by fire lighted to dry paint Total loss.

Oct. 8th, no alarm given. Room 13, Wilson House. Cause, careless use of matches by lodger. Damage slight.

Oct. 10th, still, 5.45 a. m. Burning pile of rubbish, rear of Catholic church. South Natick. No damage. Engineer Foster. Detail from Hose 2.

Oct. 22d, Box 25, 12.03 a. m. Bacon estate, stable, South Main street. Cause unknown. Partial loss. Engine 1, Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Chief, Engineer Manuel.

Nov. 23d, still, 3.15 p. m. M. Quirk, shed, Court St. Cause, kerosene lamp. No damage. Engineer Norris. Detail from headquarters.

Dec. 14th, Box 24, 2.55 a. m. James Naphin, barn, Walcott street. Cause unknown. Total loss. Ladder 1, Hose 1, 3. Engineer Norris, Manuel.

Dec. 16th, still, 4.15 p. m. L. Winch, dwelling house, Washington street. Chimney. No damage. Engineer Manuel. Detail from headquarters.

Estimated value of buildings before fire	\$28,438 00	
Estimated value of contents before fire	16,245 00	
	<hr/>	\$44,683 00
Estimated damage to buildings by fire	\$5,968 00	
Estimated damage to contents by fire	5,789 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,757 00
Insurance on buildings that were on fire	\$26,325 00	
Insurance on contents . . . . .	15,515 00	
	<hr/>	\$41.840 00
Loss with no insurance . . . . .		\$83 00

#### SCHEDULE OF BILLS PAID TO FEBRUARY 1, 1897.

No. 1.	J. G. Manuel . . . . .	\$ 42 72
2.	Hose No. 1 . . . . .	95 80
3.	Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 . . . . .	133 83
4.	Hose No. 2 . . . . .	108 33
5.	Hose No. 3 . . . . .	108 33
6.	Hose No. 4 . . . . .	110 83

No. 7.	J. G. Manuel	77 23
8.	H. M. Robbins	25 00
9.	George E. Dunton	75 00
10.	George M. Foster	75 00
11.	J. W. Norris	75 00
12.	J. W. Morse	150 00
13.	C. J. Foscett	75 00
14.	Edes' Mf'g Co.	26 00
15.	Sundry bills as per vouchers	93 88
16.	J. G. Manuel	34 93
17.	Sundry bills as per vouchers	12 49
18.	Alden & Nevin	53 53
19.	Washburn & Moen	32 51
20.	Anchor Electric Co.	29 93
21.	H. L. Garfield	18 40
22.	J. G. Manuel	18 45
23.	Hose No. 4	87 50
24.	Hose No. 2	87 50
25.	Hose No. 3	102 08
26.	Hose No. 1	81 26
27.	Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	116 56
28.	H. L. Garfield	25 25
29.	H. M. Robbins	25 00
30.	Sundry bills as per vouchers	86 99
31.	H. L. Garfield	20 40
32.	Slammin & Finn	8 32
33.	J. A. & W. Bird	33 76
34.	C. W. H. Moulton, & Co.	19 60
35.	Fire & Police Telegraph Co.	303 30
36.	H. L. Garfield	30 95
37.	Hose No. 1	83 33
38.	Hose No. 2	87 50
39.	Hose No. 3	100 00
40.	Hose No. 4	87 50
41.	Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1	125 00
42.	L. P. Stone	18 75
43.	Harry M. Stone	12 50
44.	H. L. Garfield	32 65
45.	H. M. Robbins	25 00

46.	R. W. Kennedy	12 50
47.	C. F. Wisner	22 93
48.	Oak Hall Clothing Co.	30 00
49.	D. W. Moulton	39 46
50.	Sundry bills as per vouchers	72 08
51.	F. P. Caswell	37 93
52.	H. L. Garfield	21 90
53.	Natick Water Department	36 50
54.	F. Diehl & Son	57 96
55.	Warren A. Bird	78 15
56.	W. H. Chamberlin	73 00
57.	American Hose Mf'g Co.	213 61
58.	Sundry bills as per vouchers	66 41
59.	J. D. Macewen	413 00
60.	C. T. Brooks	24 00
61.	Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.	125 00
62.	Hose No. 1	79 17
63.	Hose No. 2	95 83
64.	Hose No. 3	100 00
65.	Hose No. 4	98 32
66.	L. P. Stone	18 75
67.	O. Woods & Co.	29 94
68.	Harry M. Stone	12 50
69.	Robinson & Jones	75 64
70.	Sewer Department	21 97
71.	A. S. Jackson	49 75
72.	C. W. Moulton & Co.	90 00
73.	H. M. Robbins	25 00
74.	C. W. Moulton & Co	25 00
75.	Eedes' Mf'g Co.	26 29
76.	W. A. Snow & Co.	48 00
77.	R. W. Kennedy	12 50
78.	H. L. Garfield	30 70
79.	H. L. Garfield	36 50
80.	George C. Fairbanks	27 00
81.	Andrew F. Letherbee	51 24
82.	S. A. Prescott	18 00
83.	Labor on fire alarm	150 98



84. Sundry bills paid to Feb. 12, 1897 as  
per vouchers . . . . . 123 94

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\$5,644 31

Appropriation for Fire Department	\$5000 00	
Appropriation for Hose Wagon . . . . .	500 00	
Cash for Eagle Steamer . . . . .	100 00	
Cash for rent of tenement at South Natick to March 1, '96 . . . . .	60 00	
Cash for old hose sold . . . . .	15 00	
Cash for rent of tenement at South Natick to March 1, '97 . . . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,685 00

J. W. MORSE, Chief,  
J. W. NORRIS,  
GEO. M. FOSTER,  
J. G. MANUEL,  
IRVING E. BROWN, .

Board of Engineers for 1896.

Approved,

A. A. KANE,  
Auditor.



TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
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AND  
LIBRARIAN  
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MORSE INSTITUTE LIBRARY,



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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MORSE INSTITUTE.

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*To the Citizens of Natick:—*

The trustees respectfully invite the attention of our citizens to the very complete and instructive reports of the librarian and treasurer herewith submitted. We would, however, refer briefly to the improved condition of the library building. For a number of years the building has been sadly in need of a thorough renovation. The slightly increased appropriation of last year enabled the board to paint the window frames and doors outside, and paint the reading room on the first floor and fresco and tint the walls. Hard pine floors were laid in the lower reading room and in the librarian's quarters on the second floor. The slates on the roof were much broken and required immediate attention, as the frescoing of the walls was already marred and more seriously threatened. In accordance with the rules of the New England Insurance Exchange and instructions received from its managers, the method of wiring the building for electric lighting was radically changed, involving considerable expense.

The trustees are still of the opinion that the large room on the first floor, back of the trustees' room, at present occupied as a stowage for public documents and similar literature, must, in the near future, be utilized for a reading room, as the whole of the second floor should be devoted solely to the purposes of the circulating and reference libraries.

In making the above enumerated improvements and in a manner befitting the character of the building, an overdraft of your appropriation was unavoidable. The administration of the routine affairs of the library remains in the hands of capable and industrious officials who have the confidence and support of the trustees.

JOHN O. WILSON, President,  
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# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## MORSE INSTITUTE.

1896.

March	Loaned on 1st mortgage	.	\$500 00
May 26.	George M. Walker	.	25 35
Aug. 24.	Estes & Lauriat	.	100 00
	DeWolfe, Fiske & Co.	.	75 40
	Soule Photograph Co.	.	40 00
	Hunt & Eaton	.	15 00
	Rand & McNally	.	28 50
	Stone & Forsyth	.	7 90
	Library Bureau	.	2 00
	F. J. Barnard & Co.	.	87 12
Oct. 7.	Estes & Lauriat	.	100 00
Dec. 10.	F. J. Barnard & Co.	.	19 37
	F. J. Barnard & Co.	.	18 47
	Directors Old South	.	2 50
	F. W. Meserve	.	3 74
	Library Bureau	.	4 00
11.	Library Bureau	.	8 93

1897.

Jan. 11.	Rev. A. J. Leach	.	8 00
	Carter, Rice & Co.	.	5 50
	Wirt Robinson	.	2 50
Feb. 20.	B. F. Vaneverue	.	8 40
	Estes & Lauriat	.	100 00
Mar. 1.	Balance	.	199 04

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\$1,356 72

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1896.

Mar. 1.	Balance	.	\$172 39
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Received Natick Savings Bank	500 00	
Received interest . . .	660 62	
Received fines . . .	23 71	
	<hr/>	\$1,356 72

### INVESTMENTS OF MORSE INSTITUTE.

Mortgage note . . . . .	\$14,875 00
Deposit in Savings Bank . . . . .	83 49
Interest due to March 1 . . . . .	441 67
Balance . . . . .	199 04
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	\$15,599 20

FRANCIS BIGELOW,  
Treasurer.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MORSE INSTITUTE.

*Gentlemen:—*

The annual report for the year ending Jan. 13, 1897, is herewith submitted.

The number of volumes added to the library do not vary much in numbers year after year, as the income remains materially the same.

Number of volumes added by purchase,	.	.	.	310
" " " " " gift,	.	.	.	94
" " " " " binding periodicals,	.	.	.	26
Total accessions,				430

The above does not contain the unusually large number of books purchased this year to replace those that have worn-out in years passed, and been neglected for new publications that seemed more necessary. The wear and tear upon the library becomes more noticeable every year. The worn-out books, ever increasing in numbers, must be replaced; and the matter of rebinding is also an increasing item every year as the books become older. One hundred and twenty-two volumes have been replaced, and two hundred and fifty-three volumes rebound.

The use of the library during the year varies little from the past few years, as the statistics show. The number of

volumes loaned for home use was 33,046. Appended to this report is a table showing the circulation of books by classes compared with the preceding year, also a table showing the number of books loaned each year for the past twenty-three years.

By the will of the late Rev. Daniel Wight the library received forty-nine stitched volumes, namely: "Minutes of General Association of Congregational Churches of Mass.," 1831-'96, (10 v.); "Minutes of General Conference of Congregational Churches in Mass.," 1860-'67, (1 v.); "Amer. Congregational Year Book," 1857-'59, (1 v.); "Congregational Quarterly," Vol. I-XX, and "Congregational Year Book," 1879-'95, (17 v.).

From R. C. Winthrop, Jr., was received the "Life and letters of R. C. Winthrop," (2 v.), "Addresses and Speeches of R. C. Winthrop," (4 v.), and "Washington, Bowdoin, and Franklin," by R. C. Winthrop. The Smithsonian Institute and Natural Academy of Science have given three volumes each of valuable scientific works.

The local editors have gratuitously published lists of new books in the papers, also any library item, and furnished a copy of their paper each week for the reading room.

The lower reading room was greatly improved in the summer by the new floors and frescoing. This room, before so unattractive, now presents as pleasant an appearance as any room in the building.

Books have been sent to South Natick twice a week with the exception of from July to October. Two hundred and forty-seven volumes have been delivered at the Bacon Free Library at an expense of \$5.70.

The duplicate card system was adopted in November, and has been in use so short a time that nothing can be said of the experiment at present.

The military equipments of Vice-President Henry Wilson have been fittingly mounted in a case and placed in the delivery hall. The work was admirably done by Mr. Bryant.

The most necessary improvements at present are a new

card catalogue, a change in location of the reading room, and a closed case for the illustrated reference books. Many of the reference books are kept in the circulating library for want of proper protection in the reference library.

NELLIE L. FOX,

*Librarian.*

Feb. 23, 1897.

## CIRCULATION.

CLASSES.	LOANS 1896-7.	LOANS 1895-6.	PER CENT 1896-7.	PER CENT 1895-6.
Agriculture,	43	62	.13	.18
Fiction,	16,695	16,740	50.52	49.69
Literature,	1,215	977	3.68	2.90
History and Biography,	2,549	2,427	7.71	7.21
Juvenile,	8,072	8,590	24.43	25.50
Miscellaneous,	436	662	1.32	1.96
Periodicals,	971	996	2.94	2.96
Poetry and Drama,	530	462	1.60	1.37
Religion,	245	242	.74	.72
Science,	1,107	1,184	3.35	3.51
Travels,	1,183	1,348	3.58	4.00
	33,046	33,690	100.00	100.00

Table Showing the Circulation of Books for Twenty-three Years.

Year.—	Circulation.
1874 . . . . .	26,786.
1875 . . . . .	27,142.
1876 . . . . .	27,723
1877 . . . . .	32,726.
1878 . . . . .	35,893.
1879 . . . . .	35,576.
1880 . . . . .	30,757.
1881 . . . . .	29,833.
1882 . . . . .	27,648.
1883 . . . . .	22,739.
1884 . . . . .	25,267.
1885 . . . . .	25,179.
1886 . . . . .	23,377.
1887 . . . . .	26,952.
1888 . . . . .	26,094.
1889 . . . . .	25,869.
1890 . . . . .	25,170.



Year.—	Circulation.
1891 .. . . .	26,933.
1892 . . . . .	27,697.
1893 . . . . .	29,859.
1894 . . . . .	34,132.
1895 . . . . .	33,690.
1896 . . . . .	33,046.

### LIBRARY STATISTICS.

Number of books added by purchase, . . . . .	310
Number of books added by gift, . . . . .	94
Number of books added by binding, . . . . .	26
Total accessions for the year, . . . . .	430
Number of bound volumes in the library, . . . . .	17,885
Number of days open for delivery, . . . . .	304
Number of volumes delivered for home use, . . . . .	33,046
Number of volumes delivered for use at the library not including books from reference library, . . . . .	724
Largest delivery in one day, . . . . .	392
Smallest delivery in one day, . . . . .	34
Number of books worn out, . . . . .	62
Number of books replaced, . . . . .	122
Number of books lost or damaged and paid for . . . . .	7
Number of postal notices to delinquents, . . . . .	63
Number of books covered, . . . . .	8,785
Number of books rebound, . . . . .	253
Number of books repaired at the library, . . . . .	2,174
Number of names registered during the year, . . . . .	247
Total registration, . . . . .	7,701
Number of fines collected, . . . . .	1,901
Amount received for fines, . . . . .	\$105.88
Receipts from catalogues, papers, etc., . . . . .	16.55
Total receipts, . . . . .	122.43
Expenditures for postage and stationery, . . . . .	11.58
Expenditures for miscellaneous supplies and repairs, . . . . .	43.14
Expenditures for express, . . . . .	6.05

Expenditures for cleaning, . . . . .	29.30
Expenditures for assistance, . . . . .	8.65
Total expenditures, . . . . .	98.72
Returned to treasurer, . . . . .	23.71

## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY, 1896.

	Books	Pamph.
Alger, H., Jr.,	3	
American Humane Association,		1
Benton, J. H. Jr., (Boston, Mass.),		1
Bigelow Free Library, (Clinton, Mass.),		1
Boston (Mass.) Public Library,		7
Brookline (Mass.) Public Library,		13
Byers, (Miss) Alice	1	
Christian Science Journal, 1896.		
Cincinnati (O.) Public Library,		1
Clinton (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Concord (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Cooke, J. P.,	1	
Coolidge, Mr. W. L.,	2	
Crocker, U. H.,	1	
Dover (N. H.) Public Library,		2
Fall River (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Felch, Mr. I. K.,		1
Fitchburg (Mass.) Public Library,		6
Fletcher Free Library, (Burlington, Vt.),		1
Harvard College,	1	1
Helena (Mo.) Public Library,		4
Hoar, Hon George F.		1
Hopedale (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Interstate Commerce Commission.		2
Lancaster (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Lawrence (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Malden (Mass.) Public Library,		1
"Manifesto," 1896.		
Mann, Mr. C. E.,	1	

	Books	Pamph.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,		2
Massachusetts State Government,	6	1
Maimonides Free Library, (N. Y. City),		1
Maine, State of,		3
Manchester, (N. H.) Public Library,		1
Marlborough (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Mercantile Library, (St. Louis, Mo.)		1
Natick Bulletin, 1896.		
Natick Citizen, 1896.		
Natick Review, 1896.		
National Academy of Science,	3	2
Newton (Mass.) Free Library,		1
Northampton (Mass.) Public Library,		1
"Official Gazette," 1896.		
Otis Library, (Providence, R. I.),		11
Peoria (Ill.) Public Library,		1
Providence (R. I.) Public Library,		1
Salem (Mass.) Public Library		13
Smithsonian Institute,	3	
Syracuse, (N. Y.) Public Library,		1
Trustees Public Reservations,		1
University of Pennsylvania,		1
Unknown,	2	
U. S. Department of Agriculture,		3
U. S. Department of Interior,		3
U. S. Department of Labor,	2	7
U. S. Department of State,	1	13
U. S. War Department,	7	
Watertown (Mass.) Public Library,		1
Wight, Rev. Daniel,		49
Wight, Mrs. Daniel,		1
Winslow, William C.,		1
Winthrop, Mr. R. C. Jr.,	7	
W. C. T. U., "Union Signal," 1896.		
Woman's Suffrage League, "Woman's Journal," '96.		
Worcester (Mass. Public Library,		1

**LIST OF PERIODICALS IN UPPER READING ROOM.**

Atlantic Monthly,  
 Art Amateur,  
 Boston Evening Transcript,  
 Bookman,  
 Century,  
 \*Christian Register,  
 Contemporary Review,  
 Forum,  
 Harper's Bazar,  
 Harper's Monthly,  
 Harper's Weekly,  
 \*Indian's Friend,  
 Independent,  
 Ladies' Home Journal,  
 Library Journal,  
 Literary World,  
 McClure's Magazine,  
 \*Manifesto,  
 New England Magazine,  
 Nineteenth Century,  
 North American Review,  
 Popular Science Monthly,  
 Review of Reviews,  
 St. Nicholas,  
 Scribner's Magazine,  
 Teacher's World,  
 \*Union Signal,  
 \*Woman's Column,  
 \*Woman's Journal,  
 Youth's Companion.

**LIST OF PERIODICALS IN LOWER READING ROOM.**

Boston Daily Advertiser,  
 Boston Morning Globe,

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\*Periodicals given.

Boston Evening Journal,  
 Boston Morning Post,  
 Century,  
 Harper's Monthly,  
 Harper's Round Table,  
 Harper's Weekly,  
 Mass Ploughman,  
 \*Natick Bulletin,  
 \*Natick Citizen,  
 \*Natick Review,  
 New York Morning Sun,  
 New York Morning Tribune,  
 \*Official Gazette,  
 St. Nicholas,  
 Scientific American,  
 Scientific American Architects' Edition,  
 Scribner's Monthly,  
 Springfield Daily Republican,  
 Youth's Companion.

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\*Periodicals given.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

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The Board of Health of the Town of Natick herewith make their annual report for the year ending March 1st, 1897:

Whole number of deaths from all causes, including those dying in other towns and brought here for burial, . . . . .	120
Males, . . . . .	62
Females, . . . . .	58
Persons dying in other towns and brought here for burial, . . . . .	4

### Deaths from Causes Independent of Disease.

Railroad accident, . . . . .	2
Drowned, . . . . .	3
Accidental, . . . . .	3
Still-births, . . . . .	9
	—
Total, . . . . .	17

### Contagious Diseases Reported.

Diphtheria, . . . . .	13
Scarlet Fever, . . . . .	14
Measles, . . . . .	8
Typhoid Fever, . . . . .	4
	—
	39



**Deaths from Contagious Diseases.**

Scarlet Fever, . . . . .	0
Diphtheria, . . . . .	1
Typhoid Fever, . . . . .	2
Measles, . . . . .	0
Consumption, (conceded contagious), . . . . .	10
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 13

**Nativity.**

America, . . . . .	96
Ireland, . . . . .	18
Germany, . . . . .	1
Scotland, . . . . .	1
New Brunswick, . . . . .	1
Nova Scotia, . . . . .	2
Unknown, . . . . .	1
	<hr/> 120

**Deaths by Months.**

January, . . . . .	8
February, . . . . .	6
March, . . . . .	6
April, . . . . .	10
May, . . . . .	11
June, . . . . .	8
July, . . . . .	14
August, . . . . .	14
September, . . . . .	11
October, . . . . .	13
November, . . . . .	12
December, . . . . .	7
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> 120

**Ages.**

Deaths of persons under 1 year, . . . . .	16
From 1 to 2 years, . . . . .	3
“ 2 “ 3 “ . . . . .	0

From 3 " 4 years	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
" 4 " 5 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
" 5 " 10 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
" 10 " 15 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
" 15 " 20 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
" 20 " 30 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
" 20 " 40 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
" 40 " 50 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
" 50 " 60 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
" 60 " 70 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
" 70 " 80 "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Over 80 years,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Age unknown,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Still-births,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	120

## Cause of Deaths.

Apoplexy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Asthenia,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Accident,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Disease of Brain,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Bright's Disease,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Consumption,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Pneumonia,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Old age,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Convulsions,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Peritonitis,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Malformation of Heart,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Cerebral Hemorrhage,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Pleurisy,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Cancer,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Internal Injury,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Heart Disease,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Gastritis,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Bronchitis,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Nephritis,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Mania,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Senile Dementia,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Disease of Liver, . . . . .	2
General Debility, . . . . .	1
Cholera Infantum, . . . . .	7
Diphtheria . . . . .	1
Congenital Syphilis, . . . . .	1
Typhoid Fever, . . . . .	2
Paralysis, . . . . .	1
Chronic Rheumatism, . . . . .	1
Acute Sepsis, . . . . .	1
Meningitis, . . . . .	2
Fibroid Kidney, . . . . .	1
Epiletic Disease, . . . . .	1
Drowning, . . . . .	2
Inflammation of Bowels, . . . . .	1
Intermittent Fever, . . . . .	1
Icterus Neonatorum, . . . . .	1
Marasmus, . . . . .	3
Diabetes, . . . . .	1
Cerebritis, . . . . .	1
Senile Gangrene, . . . . .	1
Euremia, . . . . .	1
Hemorrhage, . . . . .	1
Hemorrhage of Brain, . . . . .	1
Intermittent Fever, . . . . .	1
Icterus Neonatorum, . . . . .	1
Marasmus, . . . . .	3
Diabetis, . . . . .	1
Cerebritis, . . . . .	1
Senile Gangrene, . . . . .	1
Eusemia, . . . . .	1
Hemorrhage, . . . . .	1
Intestinal Obstruction, . . . . .	1
Hemorrhage of Brain, . . . . .	1
Unknown, . . . . .	2

The general health of the town for the entire year has been remarkably good.

About the usual number of contagious diseases has been reported, but the mortality in these eases has been exceptionally low.

One death has been returned attributed to diphtheria and two to typhoid fever.

Consumption (tuberculosis) is now regarded as an infectious disease, due to germ origin, and merits much more careful attention than has hitherto been given it. Isolating so far as possible persons suffering from this disease constitutes the preventive measure.

The efficient and faithful care taken of cesspools, vaults, etc., has made the duties of the board lighter than in previous years. The people seem to have become educated up to the belief that this is purely for self-protection, and hence we have seen its beneficent results.

The meadow west of the Saxonville railroad has for the past two seasons been not only a source of great annoyance but an absolute menace to the health of our people. The changes made in the Boston and Albany road-bed, and hence the consequent interference with their previously constructed filter basins, it was hoped would greatly remedy the evil, or at least be the initiatory step toward a better condition.

Waiting patiently until the fall of the past year, we addressed a letter to the State Board of Health, calling their attention to the condition of the meadow, and requested them to examine the same. They at once sent their assistant engineer, who with this board made a careful examination. The engineer was very emphatic in his denunciation of the situation and assured us the State Board would make an early report of the case.

After waiting same two months, we again addressed them, giving notice that unless it was their purpose to take some action, we should call to our aid, by petition, the Legislative Committee on Public Health.

To this we received a reply, the substance of which is embodied in the letter which follows:

OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH,

NATICK, Mass., February, 1897.

SAMUEL W. ABBOTT, M. D.,

Secretary State Board of Health.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of a letter from your Chief Engineer in reply to a communication sent the State Board January 28,

1897. in which he says, "It is possible that the Board will wish to postpone action in the matter until another examination can be made in the warmer portion of the year." This postponement is precisely what is creating in the minds of our people apprehension, and in a matter of such grave importance we feel that we are entitled to prompt action on the part of the State Board of Health. The fact that low meadow lands covering an area of from 60 to 100 acres are flooded from two to three feet deep from January to July or August being conceded, to postpone action till next summer, exposing dead fish and decaying vegetable matter to a burning summer sun, is to subject our people to a repetition of past experience. We did not for one moment suppose the Massachusetts State Board of Health would question the proposition that such conditions as the city of Boston creates at our very doors would have other effect than bring disease into our homes, and hence we trust we shall not be obliged to wait indefinitely your action.

It is the settled policy of this board to so act in the matter as that the experience of the past two seasons may not be supplemented.

WILLIAM RICHARDS,  
Chairman Board of Health.

### SEWERAGE.

An act of the Legislature passed in 1889 provides that "Any town may authorize its Board of Health to make and enforce in such town such legislation as such board may deem necessary for the safety and health of the people with reference to house drainage and its connection with public sewers, where a public sewer abuts the estate to be drained," and imposes a penalty for its violation. Should the town avail itself of this statute the vision of this board is perfectly clear as to the increasing duties and delicate responsibilities consequent upon the completion of the sewer. Should this duty devolve upon the Board of Health they must necessarily appoint an agent to make sanitary inspections, or devote an unjustifiable amount of their own time in executing the enforcement of the law.

**PLUMBING.**

Received for the licenses of master plumbers . . .	\$4 00
Received for the licenses of journeymen plumbers . . .	2 00
For sale of Anti-toxine . . . . .	2 00
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	\$8 00

The above amount has been paid to the town treasurer.

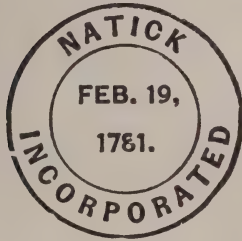
No report has been received from the inspector of cattle.

**WILLIAM RICHARDS,**

*Chairman Board of Health.*



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF NATICK



FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1897.

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NATICK, MASS.  
PRESS OF "NATICK BULLETIN,"  
1897.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1896-97.

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Term expires March, 1897.

ELIZABETH E. BARTLETT,  
• FRANCIS C. PERRY.

Term expires March, 1898.

FREDERICK O. BASTON,  
FRANK M. FORBUSH.

Term expires March, 1899.

HENRY C. MULLIGAN,  
CHARLES B. FELCH.

Organization, March, 1896—March, 1897.

HENRY C. MULLIGAN, CHAIRMAN.  
CHARLES B. FELCH, SECRETARY.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

FRANK EDSON PARLIN.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

ERDIX T. TURNER,  
JOHN J. OAKES.

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The year just closed has been a prosperous one for our public schools. Fewer changes than usual occurred in the corps of teachers at the beginning of the school year, and the policy of the Board of placing the teachers under contract for an entire year's service has proved beneficial. We have felt that it was necessary to do this in order to check the encroachment of other towns who, by offering higher salaries, have at times secured the services of some of our most competent teachers. For the same reason the Board has aimed to bring about a general increase in the schedule of salaries as far as the condition of the town's finances would justify it.

Immediately upon the close of the High School in June last the long contemplated alterations in the building and the erection of an addition thereto were begun and pushed to completion in time for the opening of the fall term. For these purposes a special appropriation of seventy-five hundred dollars had been made. The new addition has given two large and convenient class rooms, while the changes in the main building have given one extra room on the lower floor besides increasing the class-room facilities in the third story. The unusually large entering class, making the present membership of the school about two hundred and forty, could not have been provided for without these changes. A complete system of heating and ventilation for the entire building was included in the work. The system has met the requirements and received the approval of the State Inspectors, and has proved successful in its operation. Of the special appropriation three thousand dollars was required for this system of heating and ventilation. Although the expense of completing these improvements in a satisfactory manner was somewhat in excess of the

appropriation, as appears in the financial statement, the Committee believe that this expenditure has been a wise one; for the health and comfort of the pupils of our schools demand and should receive the first consideration of the School Board. Foul and stifling air in a school room produces a general torpor of the intellectual powers and necessarily retards the progress of the pupils, to say nothing of permanently impairing the health.

The Committee deem it a matter for congratulation that, notwithstanding the fact that our Superintendent has had offers from other towns at an increase of salary, we have been able to retain his services for four successive years. To his conscientious, intelligent and untiring efforts we are largely indebted for the steady advancement of our schools.

We would invite attention to his annual report submitted herewith.

HENRY C. MULLIGAN,  
CHARLES B. FELCH,  
ELIZABETH E. BARTLETT,  
FRANCIS C. PERRY,  
FREDERICK O. BASTON,  
FRANK M. FORBUSH,

*School Committee.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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*To the School Committee:*

I herewith submit my fourth annual report, which is the sixth of the series of annual reports of the superintendent of the public schools of Natick.

### THE POLLARD SYNTHETIC SYSTEM OF READING.

This method of teaching reading has been in use in our schools two years and the second year has confirmed the good impressions of the first. Many of the superior merits claimed for the system have been fully demonstrated in our schools. A few facts from the school-room are mightier than many theories from the office. We wished to give this system a fair and thorough trial for three years at least. Thus far we are much pleased with it. I doubt if there is a teacher in town who would recommend its discontinuance. During the last year I have heard but one parent offer objections to the system while many noticing the marked improvement of their children in reading—both in interest, in expression and in the mastery of the printed page—have enthusiastically advocated it.

Without exception the primary teachers in their written reports upon the system approve it and none would willingly return to the former method. No influence has been used to bias their judgment but they have been asked to state frankly their opinions whether favorable or otherwise.

One teacher says: "The longer I use the Pollard Synthetic Method the deeper is my conviction that it is the most rational method of teaching reading. I find this year that the pronunciation is much improved. . . . The system has worked wonders with a few of my backward pupils. Several of these

children who seemed unable to remember any but the commonest words have made great improvement and, while they could not be called fluent readers, they can read with understanding."

"There has been marked improvement in the spelling. . . . One little boy says he can always tell if his words are right because he 'proves them.'"

"The children read with more expression than they used to. The child is now sure of each word in the sentence and can expend all his energy in getting the thought and in expressing it well."

Another teacher says: "The Pollard System seems to embody the *natural* method of teaching reading. . . . The system forms good habits of study. The children are obliged to 'work out' their reading lessons, and it seems to me the habit thus formed will be invaluable in the later school life, and even after they have left school. The use of this system forms habits of self-reliance. . . . The pupil does not wish to have help. It increases his love of discovery and he experiences a feeling of power in thus being able to conquer a thing himself. It makes him more independent and less liable to discouragement. . . . Aside from the good mental training which this system gives, . . . it turns out better readers. . . . The children get a much larger vocabulary. The expression is excellent . . . there is no occasion for guess work. . . . The pronunciation and articulation are better. The classes are much more even. In my class of thirty-three (1st grade) there is no one who cannot read. The children are more interested, . . . their interest is more even, lasts longer, and attention is consequently more easily secured."

"The work of the first five or six weeks after the pupils enter school . . . makes an excellent introduction to school life. There is much more of the play spirit . . . than in the other method."

"I think it makes better spellers. It certainly gives more power, makes stronger readers and gives a firmer grasp on the English language.

A teacher of a large school and one who has used the method only one year says: "Although my experience with the Pollard System has been too short to see the very best results from it, yet, I have seen enough to be fully satisfied with and heartily in favor of the system. I enjoy teaching it and my pupils are ex-



ceedingly fond of it from beginning to end. . . . To be able to pick to pieces and find out for himself a hard word, is very gratifying to a scholar. It is a method that leads to independence in pronunciation."

Another teacher of about fifty pupils in three grades says: "By the Pollard Method I find no difficulty in teaching my pupils to read well. . . . The children are delighted with the busy work afforded by the marking of the letters. With little assistance the pupils of the second grade are able to prepare their lessons. In the third grade my pupils are reading poetry as well as prose. They read the problems in Bradbury's Arithmetic without hesitation. I most heartily approve of this method, not because it is easier for the teacher but because the pupils are better readers, more interested, better spellers and because it is a great advantage to the dull pupils."

Another teacher of an ungraded school says: "The class with which I started when the Pollard System was introduced has no difficulty in making out new words, while two pupils in the class who came from towns not having the system have hardly any power to do so. To the ungraded school where there is need for so much busy-work and where the child is left so much to himself, it affords a great deal of busy work of a profitable kind."

Another teacher of an ungraded school says,—“The Pollard System of Reading is very satisfactory to me. Although the process is slow in the beginning, we are fully repaid in the end, as after the foundation is well laid the child is master of almost any word. The observation power is greatly strengthened and sharpened by its use. It is also extremely helpful in improving the articulation. I have heard a number of parents express their most hearty approval of the system.”

A third grade teacher says: “Having a firm foundation the child is able to find out words for himself. The expression is good because he understands what he reads, and is thus led to read more. His after work when referring to the dictionary is made easy. Spelling is improved; even if the word is not properly spelled it approaches the correct form more nearly than by the word method. The child knows that certain sounds usually mean certain combinations of letters.”

A teacher who a year ago was not quite sure that she liked the

method, says: "Through the Pollard System the children have acquired a great desire to read, which is shown by their anxiety for other books. Their spelling is improved by it. The children of the first grade can spell readily by this method where they could not by the word and sentence method. It helps them in their language work. Through the drill in the sounds their articulation is improved. They are quick to notice any defect in the pronunciation of those pupils who have not been trained by this method."

Another first grade teacher says: "I think the Pollard System an excellent one, especially for little children. I find it very easy to interest the children with it."

A third grade teacher of twenty years' experience says: "The Pollard System creates a love for reading. The children take pride in finding out new words, consequently time is saved in teaching words and more *reading* can be done. Children are interested. There is no trouble in keeping their attention. The method aids in articulation. It is of great help to children of foreign parentage and to children having impediments in their speech. I should consider a return to either the word or sentence method a step backward in the teaching of reading."

A second grade teacher names among the advantages of the system.

"The power which the child acquires to discover new words for himself. The spirit of independence aroused in the child. . . . The pleasure which the child derives from reading . . . good articulation and pronunciation resulting from sounding words. Good habits of observation of word forms. Up to this time I have found no child unable to learn to read by this method."

I might give other extracts of similar purport, but enough has been given to show how the system is regarded by the teachers.

Such unfavorable criticisms as were given refer to some of the details or devices of the system, or to some features of the books rather than to the method itself. These objectionable features can easily be removed. It will require at least one year more to fully test the method and prove its real merit.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Natick has twelve school buildings, all wooden structures and

several of them very old. Although on some accounts I dislike to suggest the building of new school-houses, I do not think it wise to postpone the suggestion until there is an imperative demand for two or three new buildings at once.

I submit the following recommendations to you at this time not with the expectation that a new building will be constructed this year, but that they may receive your thoughtful examination and that the town may be saved the expense of renovating two old buildings, if it seems feasible to construct one new one next year.

The Bacon and Felchville buildings can no longer be kept up by ordinary repairs. Nearly all parts of these buildings, except one roof, need serious attention, to say nothing about the very unsatisfactory mode of heating and ventilating the rooms.

A single eight-room building can be so located as to accommodate much more satisfactorily than at present the pupils of these two schools together with a part of those who belong in the Cochituate street district.

At present all the pupils north of the railroad have to attend the Wilson School after passing the seventh grade and, with the exception of those from the North and Felchville districts, they attend there after passing the sixth grade.

Moreover many of the classes are very small while some are over crowded. In some cases where the classes are small the teacher has so many classes that she cannot do as much for the pupils as she could for a much larger number of pupils in a single grade.

Under the proposed arrangement the rooms would be properly lighted, heated and ventilated; the schools could be satisfactorily graded; the pupils would have just as good advantages in every respect as are now offered at the Wilson School and would be saved the present long walk during one or two years.

For the ninth year's work it would doubtless be best to bring the pupils together in the Wilson School as at present in order to make their preparation for the High School as complete and uniform as possible.

The pupils would be more evenly divided among the teachers, there would be only one grade in a room, the classes would be large enough to make them interesting to both pupil and teacher, the children would associate with those of about their own age

and each teacher could have charge of the grade for which she is best fitted.

There would be but one building to heat, keep in repair and supply with apparatus instead of three. One janitor would take the place of three. This one building would be better equipped than the present ones and more convenient for most of the children. The conditions for good health and good work would be greatly improved without increasing the running expenses.

Again, it would relieve the over-crowding at the very points where most needed—the primary grades of the Bacon and Felchville schools and the seventh and eighth grades of the Wilson. The seventh grade in this school is always very much over-crowded and the eighth grade became so much so, that during the last two years an eighth grade has been maintained at the Oak Grove School.

It is certainly better to have a few well-arranged, well-equipped and well graded schools than so many small, poorly equipped and poorly graded ones.

Believing the changes above suggested would be for both the educational and financial advantage of the town, I submit them for your careful consideration.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

The growth of our High School has been phenomenal and still it promises to continue, at least, one year longer. In 1890 the membership of the school was 100; in 1891, 125; in 1892, 118; in 1893, 126; in 1894, 193; in 1895, 201; in 1896, 238 and the present indications are that the fall term of 1897 will open with 260 or 265 pupils in this school.

This unusual growth does not signify that the school is of low grade but rather that the efficiency of its management has made it popular and that the parents of Natick are thoroughly awake to the importance of education. How far the business depression of the last few years has contributed to this result, I am unable to say, but so far as it has, it is not a misfortune. The total school attendance proves conclusively that there are few children in town whose schooling is being neglected; and the high rank maintained by our graduates in Wellesley, Harvard and other schools and colleges proves conclusively that our High School



holds an honorable position among the feeders of these institutions. Whatever weaknesses may exist, we hope to remedy in the immediate future.

One of the places needing improvement is the business training. Before next September three or four type-writers should be purchased for the school, and, in making up the corps of teachers for next year, one should be selected to take charge of the commercial branches — book-keeping, type-writing, shorthand, etc.—and the same teacher should have charge of these branches in the evening school.

Although the cost for machines will be three or four hundred dollars, it seems to me a wise expenditure of money.

I herewith submit the report of the Principal of the High School:

NATICK, MASS., FEB. 11, 1897.

TO MR. FRANK E. PARLIN, Superintendent of Schools.

Herewith is submitted my fourth annual High School report. The graduating exercises of the classes of 1896 took place in Concert Hall, Wednesday evening, June 24. In the four years class were seventeen graduates, the largest number in the history of the school; in the three years class were six graduates. All acquitted themselves with credit and justly won the approval of a large audience. Subjoined is a list of those who received diplomas:

#### FOUR YEARS.

Fannie Woodbury Ambler,	Martha Emma Colburn,
Mary Claravilla Cutler,	Lelia Sophia Eaton,
Anna Grace Goodnow,	Lizzie A. H. B. Jackson,
Emma Ariadne Mortimer,	Ella Francella Robinson,
Arria Hulda W. Snell,	Gertrude Mae Tyler,
Harriet Fisher Watts,	Jessie Winifred Woods,
Harry Oliver Bacon,	Edward E. Coolidge,
Austin H. Fitts,	Martin T. Hall,

Raymond Lionel Reed.

#### THREE YEARS.

Alice Cecilia Coveney,	Eva Agnes Eldridge,
Alice Maud Elwell,	Julia Sweeney,
Arthur R. Cook,	Thomas J. Maguire.

At the close of the year in June there were in the school 146 pupils exclusive of the graduates. Of these 142 returned in the fall.

In September the school opened with an attendance of 237, 129 girls and 108 boys, distributed as follows: Seniors, twenty-two; juniors, forty-eight; sophomores, seventy-two; freshmen, eighty-eight, special, seven. In the entering class were forty-five boys and forty-three girls. The average age of the boys was fourteen years and six months; of the girls, fourteen years and ten months. At present there are in the school 230 pupils. In the graduating classes are twenty-two in the four years' course and eighteen in the three years' course. Making the usual allowance for those who will not return next year, and estimating the entering class as it has been for three years past, it is evident that more than 260 pupils will be in the school next September. This is considerably beyond the seating capacity of the building.

As a result of two years of trial of the present course of study and frequent conferences with the teachers of the school, I would respectfully recommend that a few changes be made in order to obtain greater continuity of work by reducing slightly the number of studies required of each pupil and devoting more time to those taken. It often happens, especially in modern language courses, that the pupil, owing to the infrequency of recitations, acquires during the time allotted to the subject the mere rudiments and drops the study at a time when ready to make the most rapid and satisfactory progress. If only four years be given to Latin and three to Greek, it seems necessary that there should be five recitations a week during the entire course if expected results are to be obtained. The changes suggested are with a view to require more thorough work in the branches pursued, to make the work of each pupil somewhat less extensive in order that it may be more intensive.

I would also recommend that there be a maximum and minimum number of recitations each week instead of the present uniform number of twenty periods of prepared work for each pupil, and would suggest fifteen as the minimum and twenty as the maximum. Some pupils can prepare the maximum requirements more easily than others can the minimum. Often poor work and discouragement result because the pupil is trying to do more than health or ability permit.



One of the most pressing immediate needs of the school is a room in which books of reference may be kept and consulted. Numerous subjects are taught by topics, and reference books are being used constantly by pupils from all the classes. At present these books are in various rooms. This often causes confusion, frequent search for books from one room to another, interruption of recitations and delay in work. During the present year especially, owing both to the increased number of pupils and use of reference books, the lack of a central place for the library has proved annoying and has frequently led to misunderstanding and unpleasantness.

The sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated by the School Board to buy tools for the manual training class. These tools were bought and have been in use for several months. It is safe to say that half the money appropriated has already been saved in work done. During the spring term the work will be continued on a larger scale.

In the matter of discipline the same course that has prevailed for several years is still followed, that of depending as far as possible upon the good will, the common sense, the power of self-government of the pupils themselves. Under this method a few pupils with small sense of honor and responsibility have taken advantage of privileges intended for their good, but the great majority have been quick to respond to reasonable demands. The policy of the school is to give any pupil who shows a disposition to neglect work and transgress reasonable rules ample opportunity to change his course of conduct, and his removal from the school is requested only when it has become evident that neither appeals nor commands can prevent his presence from being a constant annoyance to the teachers and a menace to the best interests of the school. The teachers are united in their efforts to create a wholesome spirit, to arouse in the pupils a desire to co-operate in elevating the character of the school, and do not allow occasional discouragements to cause them to abandon their purpose.

The pupils, as a rule, deserve praise for the faithful performance of their work, for an admirable spirit of self-control and an appreciation of the great privileges the town is offering them. In this connection I desire also again to publicly express my obligations to the school authorities for their liberal policy, to the

citizens at large for their generous appropriations, and especially to the teachers of the school for their earnest co-operation to which most of whatever success may have been achieved is due.

Respectfully submitted,

EMORY L. MEAD,  
*Principal.*

### REPORT OF EVENING SCHOOL.

*To. Mr. Frank E. Parlin, Superintendent of Schools.*

Herein is submitted my third annual report as principal of the Evening School. The school has been in session the usual number of evenings, with the same corps of teachers and course of study as last year. The total enrollment was forty-five; average membership 32.6; average attendance, 22.5, and the per cent. of attendance 69. Unusual circumstances at the opening of the term operated to somewhat reduce the number enrolled. The pupils attending have been unusually earnest and much good work has been accomplished.

There seems to be a natural division of the pupils into two classes; those who need elementary instruction and those who purpose attending some other institution. To meet the present demand I would respectfully recommend the introduction of stenography, typewriting, elementary Latin and physics.

I would also urge the granting of a certificate as an incentive to regular attendance and earnest effort.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. McGRATH,  
*Principal.*

### SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK.

Last May you decided to try the School Savings Bank for a year in the Wilson School. The results have been much more satisfactory than was expected as will appear from the following facts gleaned from the Principal's report upon the system:

The average individual deposit per week was between thirteen and fourteen cents.

The average number of depositors each week was one hundred thirty-one.

The average total deposit per week was seventeen dollars and eighty-three cents.

The average individual deposit for the eight months was three dollars and fifty-one cents.

The largest individual deposit during the eight months was twelve dollars and thirty-three cents.

The whole number of depositors was three hundred eighty-three.

The total deposit by months was as follows:—May, \$74.85; June, \$12.93; September, \$42.02; October, \$58.39; November, \$103.10; December, \$48.03; January 76.59; February, \$65.41; giving a monthly average of \$60.17 and a total deposit of \$481.32.

Forty-five bank books were taken out from the Natick Five Cents Savings Bank for children who never had one before.

Little time has been taken from the regular school work—about ten minutes a week—as the book-keeping has been done outside of school hours. The deposits have been made once a week. The amount of the deposit of each pupil was entered upon his school bank book and upon the school ledger promptly each week. No mistakes or discrepancies have appeared in the records of the year.

The Principal of the school has promptly deposited in the Natick Five Cents Savings Bank on a “general book”—all money received each week. When the deposits of any pupil amounted to three dollars, a bank book was taken out in his name and the amount of his deposits transferred from the “general book” to his “individual book” and all subsequent deposits made by the pupil were transferred to his “individual book” in season to give him the benefit of all interest upon his deposits.

This plan of School Savings Bank is heartily commended by all the teachers who have used it, and many parents have expressed themselves as much pleased with it.

Several requests have been made for its adoption in other schools, and I would recommend that the system be retained in the Wilson School and be extended to one or two other schools during the next year.

## REPAIRS.

Two rooms in the Wilson building were refurnished with com-

paratively new seats and desks taken from the High School, the furniture being too small for the needs of the latter school.

Four rooms in the High School were furnished with the "Peerless" adjustable school furniture. These seats and desks are so constructed as to be readily adjusted to the requirements of each pupil.

With the exception of one room, which has slate boards, the Eliot building was furnished throughout with new black-boards—over two thousand square feet.

The old well at the West School, which several years ago was filled up, has been opened, thoroughly cleaned out and a tin-lined pipe laid to connect it with a pump placed in the entry of the building. By this arrangement the school is provided with excellent water and the disadvantages arising from having the pump outside the building are avoided.

The Felchville building was re-shingled, the black-boards were re-slated and the desks re-varnished in several rooms, and minor repairs made at nearly all of the buildings.

### SANITATION.

Notwithstanding the continued use of the old-fashioned out-houses and the absence of water-closets at all of the school buildings, except the High School, the schools have been free from infectious and epidemic diseases for several years. This is doubtless due in a large measure to the free use of disinfectants in and about the buildings. Super-carbolate of lime has been used for several years about the out-buildings, and liquid disinfectant is mixed with the water used for washing the floors or cleaning the furniture and woodwork of all the buildings.

Last fall the water-closets at the High School were connected with the sewer and the use of a cesspool abolished.

The extremely defective ventilation of the High School building was remedied by the changes made in that building during the year.

### DRAWING.

During the year some changes have been made in the primary work which seem to me to better adapt it to the nature of the child. Clay and type solids have been almost wholly removed



from the lowest grades and the use of pencil and color substituted. Nature has been the field of study. The interest of the classes has been quickened and the quality of work much improved. The supervisor very properly recommends that a few good pictures be placed upon the walls of the school rooms to relieve somewhat their bare and unattractive appearance. Such pictures not only add to the attractiveness of the room but they exert a refining influence upon the mind of the pupil and aid very much in the development of his æsthetic tastes.

The work in this department has been efficient and satisfactory.

### MUSIC.

The greatest improvement in this department of school work has been in the High School. At the opening of the fall term the class in music was divided into two sections and the arrangement has proved much more satisfactory to all than the former one. A greater variety and better quality of music has also been used especially in the advanced section, and this has led to greater interest and effort on the part of the pupils.

The plan of work in the three primary grades has been changed, introducing more motion, marching and rote songs. These seem better adapted to the child mind than the technical work which has largely predominated in the past.

The interest in the work of this department has been quickened and there has been a general improvement throughout the grades.

In music, as well as in drawing, much depends upon the regular teacher.

There has been marked improvement in both subjects in several rooms where the regular teachers have been especially efficient in carrying out the directions of the supervisors.

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In closing I wish to commend the good work of the teachers in general. It certainly is the ablest corps of teachers you have had since I knew your schools and is worthy the support and confidence of all the people.

I also wish to thank you as a committee for all your helpful suggestions, for your continued unanimous support, and in behalf

of the school children, for your unfailing loyalty to their best interests.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. PARLIN,

*Superintendent.*

Natick, March 1, 1897.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation for schools, . . . . .		\$32,000 00
"    "    furniture and repairs, . . . . .	2,650 00	
"    "    evening school, . . . . .	350 00	
Received for tuition, . . . . .	283 20	
"    "    use of hall, (So. Natick), . . . . .	126 00	
"    "    books, supplies, etc., sold, . . . . .	24 51	
"    from evening school deposits forfeited, . . . . .	13 50	\$35,447 21
Paid day school teachers, . . . . .	23,050 11	
"    superintendent of schools, . . . . .	1,500 00	
"    special teachers, . . . . .	760 00	
"    evening school expenses, . . . . .	330 36	
"    Janitors, . . . . .	2,060 50	
"    for fuel, . . . . .	1,680 33	
"    "    improvements and repairs, . . . . .	2,211 57	
"    "    books and supplies, . . . . .	2,106 67	
"    "    miscellaneous expenses, . . . . .	694 56	
"    "    insurance, . . . . .	285 70	
"    "    tuition, . . . . .	61 50	
"    "    printing, . . . . .	105 00	
"    "    freight and express, . . . . .	80 70	
"    "    water, . . . . .	48 50	
"    "    gas, . . . . .	18 80	\$34,994 30
Balance, . . . . .		452 91
Overdraft of High School appropriation, . . . . .		623 60
Balance of regular appropriations, . . . . .		452 91
Net overdraft, . . . . .		170 69

Approved,  
ALEXANDER A. KANE, *Auditor.*

## EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL.

## Paid Teachers.

Emory L. Mead . . . .	\$1,800 00
John F. McGrath . . . .	900 00
Irma Genette Port . . . .	600 00
Margaret McGill . . . .	600 00
Alice Mae Reed . . . .	600 00
Helen A. Hawks . . . .	593 25
Clara A. Adams . . . .	212 50
Mabel E. Townsend . . . .	345 00
Annie Lund . . . .	258 50
Henry E. Loring . . . .	1,179 04
Edith M. Babcock . . . .	456 00
Grace L. Hazen . . . .	454 20
Emma F. Chater . . . .	456 00
Mae Goodwin . . . .	456 00
Theresa L. McCarthy . . . .	418 00
Mary H. Brownrigg . . . .	417 10
Annie L. Murphy . . . .	387 42
Katharine Cunniff . . . .	419 65
Annie M. McKenzie . . . .	417 10
Clara B. McCracken . . . .	418 00
Nellie C. Norris . . . .	418 00
Philip Emerson . . . .	1,100 00
Nellie G. Connors . . . .	160 00
H. Anna Triggs . . . .	66 00
Evangeline Grey . . . .	143 00
Helen A. Reardon . . . .	432 00
Marie E. Boland . . . .	382 00
Sarah E. Sweeney . . . .	382 00
Ella A. Bailey . . . .	396 00
Sarah A. Griffin . . . .	396 00
Julia A. Boland . . . .	382 00
Gertrude Drake . . . .	466 05
Emily L. Herndon . . . .	206 00
Mary L. Herndon . . . .	160 00
Bessie H. Pike . . . .	382 00
Grace C. Perkins . . . .	418 00

Minnie E. Ellingwood	.	.	.	494	00	
Eleanor L. Griffith	.	.	.	140	00	
Rachel M. Ferguson	.	.	.	220	00	
Margaret G. Napfen	.	.	.	346	00	
Ellen A. Hogan	.	.	.	382	00	
Eliza W. Hathaway	.	.	.	468	00	
Annie M. Cupples	.	.	.	394	35	
Neva G. Mitchell	.	.	.	382	00	
Sarah H. Goldthwaite	.	.	.	466	05	
Dora T. Hersom	.	.	.	164	40	
Emma O. Kilby	.	.	.	168	00	
L. Bertha Turner	.	.	.	253	00	
Mary F. Gilson	.	.	.	382	00	
L. Addie Farwell	.	.	.	394	45	
A. Effie Nicholson	.	.	.	380	75	
Mary E. Mahan	.	.	.	319	57	
Isabelle R. Heinlein	.	.	.	358	50	
Harriet A. Ingraham	.	.	.	14	07	
Florence Wilson	.	.	.	30	80	
Helen Stefan	.	.	.	15	36	
Ellen H. Bartlett	.	.	.	380	00	
Mary F. Carrick	.	.	.	380	00	
Frank E. Parlin	.	.	.	1,500	00	25,310 11

#### Paid Janitors.

Henry B. Hall	.	.	.	500	00	
Joseph H. B. Hall	.	.	.	378	00	
William Healy	.	.	.	312	50	
Annie McManus	.	.	.	150	00	
Patrick Buckley	.	.	.	150	00	
Rufus B. Valentine	.	.	.	150	00	
Frank I. Corson	.	.	.	80	00	
Augustus D. Gardner	.	.	.	20	00	
Patrick Moran	.	.	.	100	00	
Levi Russell	.	.	.	90	00	
Weston Fisher	.	.	.	60	00	
Charles A. Bride	.	.	.	50	00	
Mrs. John Doyle	.	.	.	20	00	2,060 50

**Paid For Fuel.**

Union Lumber Co. . . . .	1,024 89	
F. Deihl & Son . . . . .	478 36	
Robinson & Jones . . . . .	177 08	1,680 33

**Paid for Improvements and Repairs.**

W. D. Parlin . . . . .	156 38	
Henry Hancock . . . . .	1 12	
Fiske & Co. . . . .	788 06	
D. C. Felton . . . . .	190 05	
J. L. Hammett Co. . . . .	9 60	
G. A. Taber . . . . .	7 57	
Henry McElwin . . . . .	161 36	
William Healy . . . . .	2 50	
Charles L. Kopff . . . . .	36 84	
Bobrick School Furniture Co. . . . .	612 93	
Cleland, Healy & Underwood . . . . .	75 15	
W. F. Barker . . . . .	54 00	
O. Woods & Co. . . . .	94 71	
John O. Wilson . . . . .	12 00	
M. W. Randall . . . . .	62	
C. & G. N. Underwood . . . . .	8 68	2,211 57

**Paid for Books and Supplies.**

American Book Co. . . . .	165 97	
Edward E. Babb & Co. . . . .	249 28	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn . . . . .	226 28	
D. C. Heath & Co. . . . .	113 01	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . . . .	210 09	
Joseph Gillott & Sons . . . . .	10 00	
Greenough, Adams & Cushing . . . . .	163 80	
Prang Educational Co. . . . .	24 93	
J. L. Hammett Co. . . . .	169 50	
Oliver Ditson Co. . . . .	9 01	
T. H. Castor & Co. . . . .	49 50	
Ginn & Co. . . . .	283 20	
Western Publishing House . . . . .	177 14	
Allyn & Bacon . . . . .	91 82	

University Publishing Co. . . .	18 00	
Rand, McNally & Co. . . .	6 00	
Howard Chemical Co. . . .	18 75	
George F. King & Merrill . . .	49 19	
Silver, Burdett and Co. . . .	35 67	
Thorp and Martin Co. . . .	2 20	
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co. . . .	29 40	
Town of Needham . . . .	4 00	
Frost & Adams Co. . . .	11 03	
Eagle Pencil Co. . . .	20 40	
Harlan P. Shaw . . . .	13 50	2,106 67

### Evening School.

Paid John F. McGrath, principal . .	100 00	
“ Grace L. Hazen, teacher . .	75 00	
“ Emma F. Chater, teacher . .	75 00	
“ Joseph H. B. Hall, janitor . .	37 50	
“ for books and supplies . .	27 46	
“ Natick Gas Light Co. . . .	13 40	
“ E. Hayes & Son . . . .	2 00	330 36

### Miscellaneous.

O. R. Fox . . . .	58 05	
J. L. Hammett Co. . . .	51 00	
A. P. Derby . . . .	6 00	
John Kenyon . . . .	20 00	
William Healy . . . .	10 50	
W. G. Hallock . . . .	46 33	
Philip Emerson . . . .	9 05	
Robert Miller . . . .	64 35	
Town Scales . . . .	13 60	
Potter, Mahard & Simmons . .	2 66	
J. H. B. Hall . . . .	2 72	
Milton E. Hall . . . .	20 50	
American Bank Note Co. . . .	12 00	
Charles A. Bride . . . .	1 39	
H. W. Kibbe . . . .	21 75	
Knowlton and Allen's Orchestra .	15 00	
J. H. Washburn Co. . . .	4 75	

Emory L. Mead . . . . .	22 45
D. J. Ferguson . . . . .	15 00
M. P. Bean . . . . .	9 00
Henry B. Hall . . . . .	5 30
W. H. Fair . . . . .	2 00
E. T. Turner . . . . .	68 82
E. Whitney & Co. . . . .	20 63
Walker & Allen . . . . .	49 69
Natick Water Department . . . . .	4 63
C. T. Brooks . . . . .	7 50
Rufus B. Valentine . . . . .	3 75
Bobrick School Furniture Co. . . . .	15 00
Charles W. Perry . . . . .	5 85
Natick Sewer Department . . . . .	43 70
Holden Patent Book Cover Co. . . . .	13 42
Fiske & Co. . . . .	21 66
Mary F. Carrick . . . . .	2 61
Charles J. Foskett . . . . .	4 10
Ernest L. Kimball . . . . .	5 00
Frank E. Parlin . . . . .	13 60
Daniels & Twitchell . . . . .	50
Perry Mason & Co. . . . .	70

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**Insurance.**

O. H. Burleigh . . . . .	65 00
J. M. Forbush & Co. . . . .	25 00
Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Ins. Co. . . . .	57 70
Wilson & Perry . . . . .	67 50
Alexander Blaney & Son . . . . .	70 50

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 285 70
**Printing.**

Martin Hall . . . . .	15 00
Natick Citizen . . . . .	30 50
George C. Fairbanks . . . . .	59 50

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 105 00.



**Freight and Express.**

Howe & Co. . . . .	19 40	
Bailey's Express . . . . .	55	
Boston & Albany R. R. Co. . . . .	23 15	
Buckley & Turner . . . . .	9 40	
W. S. Daniels . . . . .	14 10	
Adams Express . . . . .	12 10	
Natick Despatch . . . . .	90	
Kennedy's Express . . . . .	95	
	<hr/>	80 70

**Tuition.**

Town of Weston . . . . .	21 00	
Town of Wayland . . . . .	40 50	
	<hr/>	61 50

**Water.**

Natick Water Department . . . . .	48 50	48 50
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**Gas.**

Natick Gas Light Co. . . . .	18 80	18 80
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**SPECIAL APPROPRIATION****For High School Addition and Ventilation.**

Appropriation . . . . .		\$7,500 00
Paid C. T. & R. D. McFarland, archi- tects . . . . .	142 26	
“ E. T. Wilson, builder . . . . .	3,735 09	
“ W. D. Parlin, plumbing and heating . . . . .	3,519 81	
“ Charles L. Kopff, painting . . . . .	125 00	
“ W. W. Wight, surveyor . . . . .	4 50	
“ M. E. Hall, stone . . . . .	35 00	
“ R. W. Wight, electric wiring . . . . .	29 45	
“ Bobrick School Furniture Co. . . . .	19 00	
“ M. W. Saben, labor . . . . .	1 00	

" D. C. Felton, labor . . . . .	35 00	
" J. W. Pinkham Co., slate black boards . . . . .	142 83	
" James Lillis, stone work . . . . .	334 66	
	<hr/>	8,123 60
Overdraft . . . . .		<hr/> \$623 60

### STATISTICS.

The school census shows that there were 1,512 children in Natick between five and fifteen years of age on the first of May, 1896.

Although the total enrollment was 44 less than last year, the number of pupils between five and fifteen years of age was 120 greater. The average membership was 47.23 greater than last year and the average attendance 58.16 greater, while the percent of attendance was almost exactly the same.

The average cost per pupil was \$21.19, six cents less than last year.

There were over twenty-six hundred visitors to the schools during the year—about six hundred more than last year.

Length of school year in High School . . . . .	40 weeks
Length of school year in 8th and 9th grades . . . . .	38 weeks
Length of school year in other grades . . . . .	36 weeks
Number of school buildings . . . . .	12
Number of rooms occupied . . . . .	45
Number of rooms unoccupied . . . . .	3
Number of sittings . . . . .	2284
Number of teachers { Regular 46 Special 2 Substitute 1 } . . . . .	49
Teachers who have attended Normal School . . . . .	27
Teachers who have graduated from Normal School . . . . .	18
Population of Natick, 1895 . . . . .	8814
Number of persons in town May 1, 1896, between 8 and 14 years of age . . . . .	913
Number of pupils under 5 years of age . . . . .	0
Number of pupils between 8 and 14 years of age . . . . .	902
Number of pupils between 5 and 15 years of age . . . . .	1484
Number of pupils over 15 years of age . . . . .	250

	Enrollment			Present Membership			Average Age
	Girls	Boys	Total	Girls	Boys	Total	
1st grade,	117	114	231	103	103	206	6-4
2d grade,	108	84	192	124	80	204	7-7
3d grade,	97	96	193	95	91	186	8-8
4th grade,	80	81	161	75	78	153	9-7
5th grade,	87	76	163	83	72	155	10-9
6th grade,	76	84	160	69	77	146	11-9
7th grade,	72	77	149	68	78	146	12-4
8th grade,	79	56	135	77	53	130	13-4
9th grade,	68	60	128	72	63	135	14-3

## HIGH SCHOOL.

1st year,	40	44	84	40	44	84	15-0
2d year,	42	33	75	38	31	69	16-8
3d year,	30	14	44	30	14	44	17-3
4th year,	11	12	23	11	11	22	18-1
Graduates '96	16	7	23				
Specials,	4	4	8	4	4	8	
Totals,	927	842	1,769	889	799	1,688	

## Attendance.

	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.
High School	230.31	221.47	96.00
Wilson	554.05	522.15	93.80
Eliot	228.86	216.35	94.17
Pond Street	183.50	174.08	93.82
Oak Grove	121.40	115.87	95.32
Felchville	96.34	91.83	95.26
Bacon	87.54	83.18	94.50
Harvard Street	71.10	67.91	94.90
North	29.99	28.22	94.00
West	25.38	22.74	89.00
Southville	22.28	19.60	87.90
Totals	1650.75	1563.40	93.51

### Evening School.

Number of teachers . . . . .	3
Number of sessions, evening . . . . .	50
Number of pupils registered . . . . .	45
Average membership . . . . .	32.6
Average attendance . . . . .	22.5
Per cent. of attendance . . . . .	69

### Teachers and Schools.

Teacher.	Salary.	Elected.	School.
Emory L. Mead,	\$1,800 00	Sept. 1893	High
John F. McGrath,	900 00	" 1892	"
Helen A. Hawks,	600 00	Dec. 1895	"
Irma Genette Port,	600 00	Sept. 1895	"
Margaret McGill,	600 00	" 1894	"
Alice Mae Reed,	600 00	Mar. 1895	"
Mabel S. Townsend,	600 00	Sept. 1896	"
Annie Lund,	550 00	Oct. 1896	"
Henry E. Loring,	1,200 00	Sept. 1892	Wilson
Edith M. Babcock,	456 00	" 1890	"
Grace L. Hazen,	456 00	" 1895	"
Emma F. Chater,	456 00	Dec. 1872	"
Mae Goodwin,	456 00	Sept. 1895	"
Theresa L. McCarthy,	432 00	Mar. 1895	"
Mary H. Brownrigg,	432 00	Sept. 1895	"
Annie L. Murphy,	414 00	Apr. 1892	"
Katherine Cunniff,	432 00	Sept. 1890	"
Annie M. McKenzie,	432 00	" 1894	"
Clara B. McCracken,	432 00	" 1890	"
Nellie C. Norris,	432 00	" 1887	"
Philip Emerson,	1,100 00	" 1893	Eliot
Evangeline Grey,	418 00	Nov. 1896	"
Helen A. Reardon,	432 00	Sept. 1873	"
Marie E. Boland,	396 00	Apr. 1888	"
Sarah E. Sweeney,	396 00	" 1892	"
Ella A. Bailey,	396 00	Mar. 1876	"
Sarah A. Griffin,	396 00	Sept. 1880	"
Julia A. Boland,	396 00	Oct. 1890	"

Gertrude Drake,	468 00	Sept. 1890 Pond St.
Mary L. Herndon,	360 00	Oct. 1896 " "
Bessie H. Pike,	396 00	Feb. 1896 " "
Grace C. Perkins,	432 00	Sept. 1894 " "
Minnie E. Ellingwood,	494 00	Jan. 1895 O. Grove
Rachel M. Ferguson,	360 00	Sept. 1896 " "
Margaret G. Naphen,	360 00	Jan. 1895 " "
Ellen A. Hogan,	396 00	Sept. 1892 " "
Eliza W. Hathaway,	468 00	Apr. 1868 Felchv'le
Annie M. Cupples,	396 00	Sept. 1889 "
Neva G. Mitchell,	396 00	Sept. 1888 "
Sarah H. Goldthwaite	468 00	Jan. 1874 Bacon
L. Addie Farwell,	414 00	Sept. 1895 "
L. Bertha Turner,	414 00	Sept. 1896 Harvard
Mary F. Gilson,	396 00	Sept. 1884 "
A. Effie Nicholson,	396 00	Sept. 1893 North
Mary E. Mahan,	342 00	Sept. 1895 West
Isabelle R. Heinlein,	360 00	May 1891 S'th ville
Ellen H. Bartlett,	380 00	Sept. 1890 Music
Mary F. Carrick,	380 00	Jan. 1896 Drawing
Frank E. Parlin,	1,500 00	Sept. 1893 Supt.

Cecelia E. Jennings, substitute teacher.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLUMBING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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At an adjourned meeting of the town held Nov. 4, 1896, the town appointed a committee to prepare plumbing rules and regulations to be submitted to the town at its annual meeting in March 1897.

To ascertain what other towns had done, or were doing relative to such matters, your committee have corresponded with health officials of 23 towns in the commonwealth. These towns have either a public water supply or a public sewerage system, and in most cases both.

In selecting these towns we endeavored to make a choice of such towns where the condition of population and occupation of their inhabitants were similar to those of our own town. Answers were received from nearly all of these places, many enclosing plumbing regulations now in force.

After a careful comparison of these different rules and regulations the committee submit to the town through the Board of Health, the following rules and regulations and recommend their adoption by the town, while it may not be within the province of this committee we would also recommend the adoption of Chap. 455, Acts of 1894 as provided for in Sec. 1, of Chap. 453, Acts 1895.

WM. RICHARDS,  
CHAS. K. BARKER,  
WM. M. TODD,  
PHILIP CONNEALY,  
HERBERT R. FITTZ.



## RULES AND PLUMBING REGULATIONS.

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SECTION 1. No person shall carry on the business of plumbing or do any work at plumbing, unless he shall have first obtained a license from, and registered his name with the Board of Health.

SEC. 2 Every plumber before doing any work in a building shall, except in the case of repair of leaks, file at the office of the Board of Health, upon blanks provided for the purpose, a notice of the intended work, with a description of the same; and no work shall be done without a permit from the Board of Health.

SEC. 3. Every building provided with water from the town or other water supply shall have a waste pipe for the conveyance of waste water, separately and independently connected with the public sewer, or if there is no sewer, with a sufficient and proper cesspool satisfactory to the Board of Health for the town of Natick, easily accessible for inspection and cleaning.

SEC. 4. Drain and soil pipes within a building, and for a distance of not less than five feet outside the foundation walls thereof, through which water or sewerage is carried, shall be made of lead or iron; shall be sound, free from holes and other defects, of a uniform thickness, and shall be securely ironed to walls, laid in trenches, or suspended by strong iron hangers, and shall have a proper fall of not less than one-quarter of an inch to a foot towards the drain or sewer. All joints of cast iron pipes shall be made by thoroughly calking the same with molten lead. All joints between lead and cast iron pipes shall be made by soldering

the lead pipe to a brass ferrule and calking the same into the iron pipe.

SEC. 5. A running trap must be placed on the house-drain at an accessible point near where it leaves the building. Where the pipe passes through the outside wall in cellar a Y branch shall be used with brass cleanout on the run of Y. The trap must be furnished with brass clean out for convenience in cleaning. There must be an inlet for fresh air entering the drain just inside the trap, of at least four inches in diameter, leading to the outer air and terminating two feet above grade, and not less than three feet from any window, or ten feet from cold air supply of any furnace, with top covered with cowl securely fastened on. All pipes passing through cellar or foundation walls shall pass through a collar or slot so that no bearing of such wall shall be had on the pipe. Changes in direction shall be made with curved pipes, and connections with horizontal pipes shall be made by the use of a Y or T Y branch. Soil pipes shall be carried through the roof, open and undiminished in size, to a height of two feet above the roof, and not less than five feet above any window within ten feet of the same.

SEC. 6 Rain water leaders, when connected with soil or drain pipes, shall be suitably trapped.

SEC. 7. Pipes and other fixtures shall not be covered or concealed from view until approved by the inspector, who shall examine the same within two working days after notice that they are ready for inspection.

SEC. 8. Plumbing work shall not be used unless the same has first been tested by the plumber, in the presence of the inspector, with the water test, or if that is not practicable, with some other reliable test, and approved by said inspector.

SEC. 9. Every fixture having a waste pipe connected with the sewer or cesspool, shall be furnished with a separate trap, except where two fixtures immediately adjoin each other, when one suitable trap may be used; this does not

apply to water closets, urinals, or slop hoppers, which must be trapped independently. All such traps must be placed as near as practicable to said fixtures, and shall be protected from syphonage or air pressure by special ventilating air pipes. All ventilating air pipes less than two inches shall be of the size as the waste, and for water closet traps shall be not less than two-inch bore for thirty feet or less, and not less than three-inch bore for more than thirty feet; such air pipes shall be run as direct as practicable, and shall have an upward incline from the trap. Two or more air pipes may connect together or to a soil pipe, but in every case of connection with a soil pipe such connection shall be made above the upper fixture in the building. Lead vent pipes shall be used only when in view. Soil pipes, or waste pipe ventilators, shall not be constructed of brick, sheet metal, or earthenware, and chimney-flues shall not be used as such ventilators.

SEC. 10. When a suitable trap is used on a kitchen sink, and no other fixtures are placed in the building, the air pipe, trap at cellar wall, or fresh air inlet shall not be enforced.

SEC. 11. Local vents may be used and are recommended by the board.

SEC. 12. Drip or overflow pipes from safes under water closets and other fixtures, or from tanks or cisterns, shall be run to some place in open sight, and in no case shall any such pipe be connected directly with a drain, waste or soil pipe.

SEC. 13. Waste pipes from refrigerators, or other receptacles in which provisions are stored, shall not be connected with a drain, soil or other waste pipe, unless such waste pipes are provided with traps, suitably ventilated, and in every case there shall be an open tray between the trap and refrigerator.

SEC. 14. No steam exhaust, blow-off, nor drip-pipe shall connect with a house drain, soil, waste or vent pipe.



SEC. 15. Every water closet shall be supplied with water from a tank, used for no other purpose, and the flushing pipe shall not be less than one inch in diameter; but this requirement shall not apply to water closets substituted for vaults, where the same are located outside of the building proper; and water closets so located may be arranged so as to receive their supply directly from the main, with such water fixtures as shall be approved by the Board of Health.

SEC. 16. Wooden wash trays or sinks, and pan-closets, shall not be put in on new work, or replaced in doing repair work.

SEC. 17. These regulations apply to all plumbing work to be hereafter constructed in the town. All alterations must be in accord with these regulations, and such alterations will be ordered by the board whenever they judge it necessary for the public health.

SEC. 18. Any person violating any provision of these regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and subject to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each and every violation thereof, and his license may be revoked by the Board of Health.

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